



## PERTH GLORY

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## SOCCER AUSTRALIA CHAIRMAN



**Ian Knop**  
Chairman

I would like to welcome all our supporters to the 2001-2002 National Soccer League Grand Final, as Perth Glory and Olympic Sharks battle it out for the NSL Championship Trophy - the ultimate accolade in Australia's premier domestic competition.

Firstly, let me congratulate the teams that qualified for this season's Finals Series, with a special mention to all the players, coaches and staff at Perth Glory for capturing the Premiership trophy in record time, as well as being the first team through to the 2001-2002 NSL Grand Final.

Full applause must go to both teams here today, that have managed to power through the regular season as well as the Finals Series, to make it here today.

In a season that has had many highlights, it has been fantastic to see the level of support that Perth and Newcastle have enjoyed all season, the continuation of some NSL milestones via Alex Tobin (most NSL player appearances with 484 games), Damian Mori (all-time NSL Top Goalscorer with 185 goals now) and Zoran Matic (most NSL matches coached with 447 games), and the quality of action we have seen from all teams this season.

There is no doubt that today's match will be a true spectacle for not only soccer supporters, but fans of sport in general. With 43,000 people, Subiaco will be a hub of excitement in Perth this afternoon, and I sincerely congratulate everyone for taking part.

To all of our corporate partners, stakeholders and supporters, the end of the regular season has brought another pleasing milestone... the average crowd for the regular 2001/2002 NSL season finished at 5,168 - the NSL's third highest average crowd in the history of the competition and a slight increase on last season's average.

Crowds at the 2001/02 finals campaign are also set for record levels. After last weekend's Preliminary Final, the total current finals series audience reached 96,627. A Grand Final crowd in excess of 40,000 today, will push the 2001/02 aggregate finals series attendance to a new record - well above the previous record of 130,850 set in the 1998/99 series... to all of you, we thank you and look forward to your continued support.

This all could not have been achieved without the valued support of our corporate partners of the NSL - Qantas, Telstra and Channel 7.

Finally, I take this opportunity to wish both Glory and the Sharks all the best, as they strive to reach the ultimate goal - the NSL Championship.

IAN KNOP - Soccer Australia Chairman

## TO ALL AUSTRALIAN SOCCER FANS

On behalf of the member clubs and management of the National Soccer League Commission I welcome you to what undoubtedly will be a magnificent sporting event, the 2001/2002 NSL Grand Final.

The two teams on display today richly deserve their right to be competing for the biggest prize in Australian soccer. Perth Glory by virtue of their performance during the competition proper alone have an entitlement to the accolades that have come their way over the past eight months. Their outstanding achievements off the field, so well recognised by all soccer lovers in this country, have been well and truly matched this season by their remarkable performances on the field. To Mich d'Avray and his boys we congratulate them and wish them well this afternoon.

Olympics Sharks success this year, both on and off the field, has been no less remarkable. The decision by the Clubs owners to relocate the team to the Sutherland Shire of Sydney and reposition the club as the Olympic Sharks was both brave and visionary.

On the field their character was probably best exemplified by their courageous performance in the face of considerable adversity in defeating Newcastle United in the preliminary final last week in front of 17,000 odd passionate Novacastrians.

Gary Phillips should be applauded for the job he has done in instilling these attributes, so pivotal to success on the sporting field, into what was already a very talented football side.

The stage is now set for a grand final which I am certain will do justice to all of us who share a passion and love for the world game.

With Best Regards

Remo Nogarotto  
NSL Commission Chairman

## PERTH GLORY CHAIRMAN



**Nick Tana**  
Chairman



It is tremendous to see soccer again able to draw a capacity crowd to Subiaco Oval for a National Soccer League Grand Final.

Days like this are what are needed for Australian soccer and we need to see more of them, and not just here in Perth.

The big crowds in Newcastle for the two finals hosted in that city show that what Perth Glory has achieved does not have to be unique to Western Australia.

A proper approach to the running of a club and sensible investment in marketing can attract big crowds to the NSL and that should be the aim of every club in the competition.

It is no good just having one or two successful clubs. Every one in the game should be working towards full-time soccer with the inevitable increase in the standard of play that will bring and the crowds that can draw.

For Perth Glory this has been a hugely successful season. On the pitch the team has done us proud, losing just one game in the home and away season, a new NSL record and winning the title by 13 points, another record.

In soccer terms there is no doubt as to who the champion team has been this season.

Off the pitch the establishment of Future Glory has given the club plenty to look forward to as young players in Western Australia now have a direct path from under 11s through to the national league competition.

I am very proud of the work Frank Arok and his team have done in that area and it is of crucial importance to the development of the club.

I would like to welcome the players and officials of the Olympic Sharks, who have produced excellent form throughout the finals and who will be very hard to beat here today.

What we can all hope for is a great game and a great advertisement for the code as the game is being broadcast across the nation.

I hope you all enjoy the game today and if you are new to soccer I hope we will see you again next season at Perth Oval to enjoy the finest game in the world.

## OLYMPIC SHARKS CHAIRMAN



**Nick Politis**  
Chairman



Last Sunday's courageous performance against a physical Newcastle United typifies the desire our boys have to go all the way. It was always going to be a tough match and with the coaching staff forced to make early changes, it seemed like the task would become even bigger. But with determination and perseverance the boys held on for a well deserved victory. It was truly a memorable day for our Club.

Today the Sharks travel to Subiaco Oval to meet Mich d'Avray and Perth Glory in the National Soccer League Grand Final. Since the start of the season many pundits rated these two teams as the best in the country, and foresaw the two contesting the ultimate prize this great country has to offer.

Perth Glory will be a difficult prospect as they are a team who have consistently performed well through out the season. Led by Despotovski and Mori, and backed by a parochial 42,000 strong crowd, they will start as favourites.

With this in my mind, our Olympic Sharks realise the task ahead of them. Despite the loss of a number of key players, I am confident they have what it takes to clinch the clubs second title. The resilience, enthusiasm and determination shown in our previous three finals matches is a testament to that.

Our club wishes to thank all the supporters who have made this enormous effort to trek across the country and support our boys to what we hope will be a resounding victory. Your support has been an invaluable contribution to our success thus far.

On behalf of the board, I would like to wish both teams the best of luck today and hope this match fulfils all expectations as one of the most exciting matches of the finals series.

Best wishes,

Nick Politis  
Chairman  
Olympic Sharks



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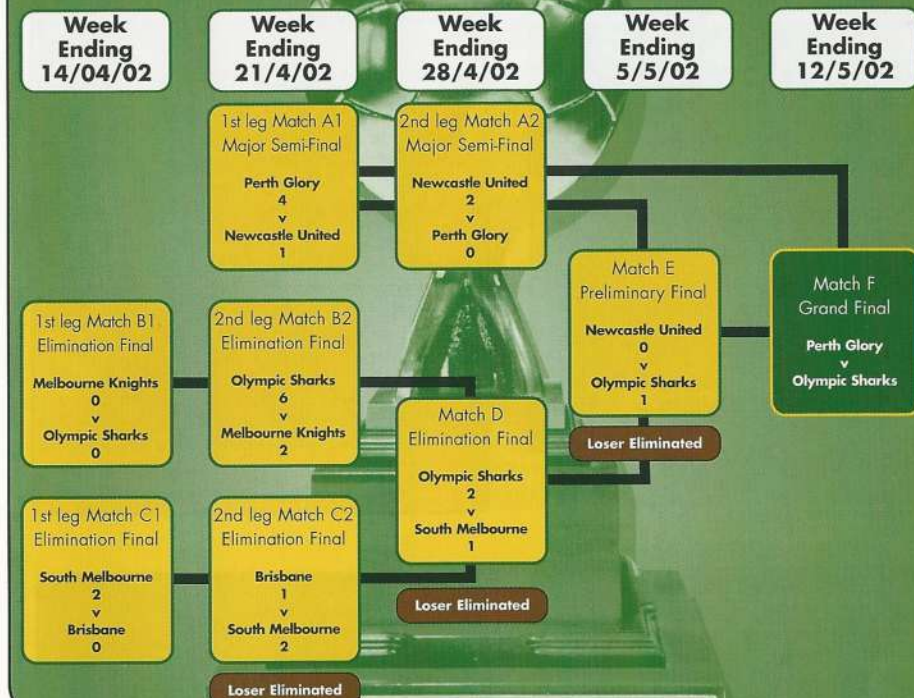
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### the road to the finals



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- Extra Time (Golden Goal)
  - If the number of goals scored by both clubs is equal at full time then extra time of fifteen (15) minutes each way will be played and the Golden Goal rule will apply.
  - Should either team score during this period, the game will immediately conclude and the team who scored shall be declared the winner.
- Penalty Kicks. If the teams still remain equal after this procedure, the match shall be determined by penalty kicks taken in accordance with FIFA instructions.
- The winning team is NSL Champion.

"Entry inside the perimeter fence of the playing area is prohibited at all times and offenders will be prosecuted"

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### Elimination Final (1st LEG)



**Up Front....**  
Tota Da Costa goes forward for the Melbourne Knights

**Melbourne Knights** 0  
**Olympic Sharks** 0

**Cautions:** S Ognenovski (MK) 42, S Laybutt (OS) 52, A Juric (OS) 81

**Melbourne Knights lineup:** Martin John (gk), Rodrigo Vargas, Sasa Ognenovski, Steve Horvat, Andrew Marth, Kresimir Marusic, Joel Porter, Antonio Da Costa, Alex Kiratzoglou, Andy Vargas, Ivo De Jesus (Xhezair Sulemani 87)

**Olympic Sharks lineup:** Clint Bolton (gk), Stephen Laybutt, Lindsay Wilson (Paul Kohler 89), Tom Pondeljak, Troy Halpin, Jade North, Greg Owens, Ante Milicic (Jeremy Harris 80), Andrew Packer, Andrew Durante, Ante Juric

**Venue:** Knights Stadium

**Referee:** Matthew Breeze

**Crowd:** 3,421

### Elimination Final (1st LEG)



**Double Trouble....**  
Vaughan Coveny scored twice for South Melbourne

**South Melbourne** 2  
(V Coveny 51 (pen), 53)  
**Brisbane Strikers** 0

**Cautions:** C Boutsianis (SM) 32, S Stefanutto (BS) 33, S McLaren (BS) 34, L Drake (BS) 78, P Kisorbo (SM) 96

**South Melbourne lineup:** Michael Petkovic (gk), Steve Iosifidis, Fausto De Amicis, Mehmet Durakovic, Steve Panopoulos, Vaughan Coveny (Joe Bacak 84), Paul Trimboli (Robert Liparoti 90), Radomir Sekulovski, Massimo Muroccca (Nick Sabljak 70), Patrick Kisorbo, Con Boutsianis

**Brisbane Strikers lineup:** Jason Kearton (gk), Richie Alagich (Lawrence Drake 66), Shane Stefanutto (John Carbone 76), Jon McKain, Stuart McLaren, Peter Grierson (Paul Foster 70), Fernando Rech, Adam Webber, Kris Trajanovski, John Carbone (Matthew McKay 56), Wayne Heath

**Venue:** Bob Jane Stadium

**Referee:** Con Diomis

**Crowd:** 8,450

### Elimination Final (2nd LEG)



**Eyes on the Ball....**  
Joel Porter of the Melbourne Knights & Ante Milicic of the Olympic Sharks

**Olympic Sharks** 6  
(A Milicic 12'/75' pen, T Pondeljak 42', A Packer 47', J Harris 56', G Owens 88')

**Melbourne Knights** 2  
(J Porter 11', A Marth 76')

**Aggregate** 6-2 Olympic Sharks

**Cautions:** A Vargas (MK) 17', M John (MK) 75', A Durante (OS) 13'

**Olympic Sharks lineup:** Clint Bolton (gk), Paul Kohler, Lindsay Wilson, Tom Pondeljak, Troy Halpin, Jade North, Jeremy Harris (Dylan Macallister 62), Ante Milicic (Greg Owens 83), Andrew Packer, Andrew Durante (Hiroyuki Ishida 83), Ante Juric

**Melbourne Knights:** Martin John (gk), Rodrigo Vargas, Sasa Ognenovski, Steve Horvat, Andrew Marth, Kresimir Marusic (Joey Rajher 83), Joel Porter, Antonio Da Costa, Alex Kiratzoglou (Xhezair Sulemani 56), Andy Vargas, Ivo De Jesus (Anthony Pelikan 71)

**Venue:** Toyota Park

**Referee:** Mark Shield

**Crowd:** 5,850

### Elimination Final (2nd LEG)



**Solid Defence....**  
Steve Iosifidis gets past Paul Foster of the Brisbane Strikers

**Brisbane Strikers** 1  
(F Rech 85)

**South Melbourne** 2  
(C Boutsianis 55' pen, N Sabljak 76')

**Aggregate** 4-1 South Melbourne

**Cautions:** R Sekulovski (SM) 32'

**Brisbane Strikers lineup:** Jason Kearton (gk), Richie Alagich (Joshua Rose 70), Shane Stefanutto (John Carbone 76), Jon McKain, Stuart McLaren, Fernando Rech, Adam Webber, Paul Foster (Peter Grierson 60), Kris Trajanovski, Wayne Heath, Matthew McKay

**South Melbourne lineup:** Michael Petkovic (gk), Steve Iosifidis, Fausto De Amicis, Mehmet Durakovic, Robert Liparoti (Vince Lia 78), Vaughan Coveny, Paul Trimboli (Joe Bacak 62), Radomir Sekulovski, Massimo Muroccca, Patrick Kisorbo, Con Boutsianis (Nick Sabljak 71)

**Venue:** Ballymore

**Referee:** Brett Hugo

**Crowd:** 5,391



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## MAJOR SEMI FINAL (1st LEG)



**Clincher....**  
Damian Mori scored the fourth goal for Glory

**Perth Glory** 4  
(B Despotovski 27'/79', B Maloney 35', D Mori 55')  
**Newcastle United** 1  
(A Moreira 81')

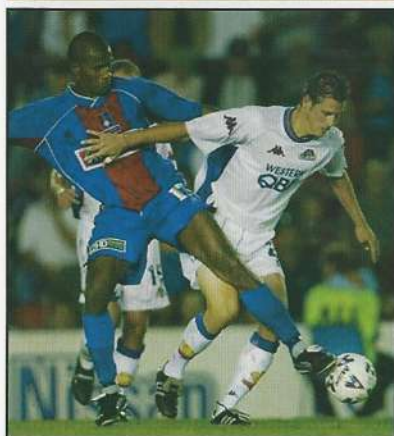
**Cautions:** nil.

**Perth Glory lineup:** Jason Petkovic (gk), Matthew Horsley, Jamie Harnwell, Scott Miller, Brad Maloney, Bobby Despotovski (Nick Mrdja 91'), Bradley Hassell (Alistair Edwards 85'), Edgar Aldrighi Junior, Damian Mori (Gary Faria 88'), Shane Pryce, David Tarka

**Newcastle United lineup:** Daniel Beltrame (gk), Andrew Roberts, Chris Zoricich (Mark Wilson 57'), Matthew Bingley, Travis Dodd (Alex Moreira 64'), Joel Griffiths, Peter Tsekenis, Scott Baillie, Milan Blagojevic, Joseph Schirripa (Michael Prentice 76'), Esala Masi

**VENUE:** Subiaco Oval  
**REFEREE:** Eddie Lennie  
**CROWD:** 31,942

## MAJOR SEMI FINAL (2nd LEG)



**My Ball....**  
Esala Masi contributed with two goals in the first half

**Newcastle United** 2  
(E Masi 16'/41')  
**Perth Glory** 0  
**Aggregate** 4-3 Perth Glory  
**Cautions:** S Miller (PG) 36', J Petkovic (PG) 43', A Roberts (NU) 47'+

**Newcastle United lineup:** Daniel Beltrame (gk), Michael Prentice (Chris Zoricich 83'), Andrew Roberts, Matthew Bingley, Travis Dodd, Joel Griffiths, Peter Tsekenis, Scott Baillie, Milan Blagojevic, Esala Masi, Alex Moreira (Daniel McBreen 72')

**Perth Glory lineup:** Jason Petkovic (gk), Matthew Horsley, Jamie Harnwell, Scott Miller, Brad Maloney (Gary Faria 23'), Bobby Despotovski (Craig Deans 92'+), Bradley Hassell (Alistair Edwards 71'), Edgar Aldrighi Junior, Damian Mori, Shane Pryce, David Tarka

**VENUE:** EnergyAustralia Stadium  
**REFEREE:** Simon Micallef  
**CROWD:** 17,503

## ELIMINATION FINAL



**In Charge....**  
Tom Pondeljak wards off Steve Panopoulos

**Olympic Sharks** 2  
(T Pondeljak 10', J Harris 40')  
**South Melbourne** 1  
(R Liparoti 93'+)

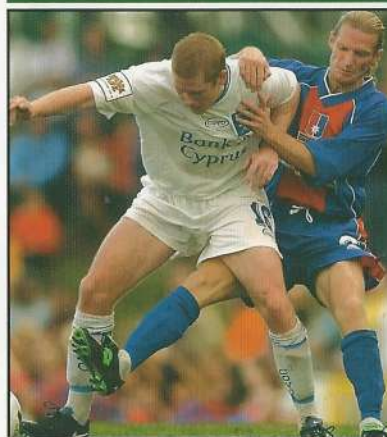
**Cautions:** J North (OS) 49', A Milicic (OS) 53', S Iosifidis (SM) 69', W Srhoj (OS) 87'

**Olympic Sharks lineup:** Clint Bolton (gk), Paul Kohler, Lindsay Wilson, Tom Pondeljak, Troy Halpin (Wayne Srhoj 85'), Jade North, Jeromy Harris (Greg Owens 66'), Ante Milicic (Dylan Macallister 75'), Andrew Packer, Andrew Durante, Ante Juric

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**VENUE:** Marconi Stadium  
**REFEREE:** Eddie Lennie  
**CROWD:** 6,341

## PRELIMINARY FINAL



**Sparring....**  
Jeromy Harris and Andy Roberts battle for the ball.

**Newcastle United** 0  
**Olympic Sharks** 1  
(A Milicic 9')

**Cautions:** A Packer (OS) 23', A Durante (OS) 57', C Bolton (OS) 61', M Prentice (NU) 62', T Dodd (NU) 72'

**Olympic Sharks lineup:** Clint Bolton (gk), Paul Kohler, Lindsay Wilson, Tom Pondeljak, Troy Halpin (Wayne Srhoj 41'), Jade North, Jeromy Harris, Ante Milicic, Andrew Packer, Andrew Durante, Ante Juric (Hiroyuki Ishida 18', - 51') (Greg Owens 51') - Subs not used: Dylan Macallister, Brett Hughes (gk)

**Newcastle United lineup:** Daniel Beltrame (gk), Michael Prentice (Daniel McBreen 69'), Andrew Roberts (Joseph Schirripa 84'), Matthew Bingley, Travis Dodd, Joel Griffiths, Peter Tsekenis, Scott Baillie, Milan Blagojevic, Esala Masi, Alex Moreira - Subs not used: Chris Zoricich, Mark Wilson, Bradley Swancott (gk)

**VENUE:** EnergyAustralia Stadium  
**REFEREE:** Simon Micallef  
**CROWD:** 17,708

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You might get an argument or two from some of the vanquished, but can there be any doubt that the two best teams in the NSL, will meet today in front of a sell-out crowd of close to 44,000 at Subiaco Oval?

This is the Grand Final showcase Australian soccer had to have. A delicious, enticing and fitting match-up to end what has been yet another drama-fuelled NSL season. It might well be the tradition and passion of Olympic versus the new age, free thinking and all encompassing entity that is Glory, but they still have one thing in common how the game should be played.

MATCH PREVIEW



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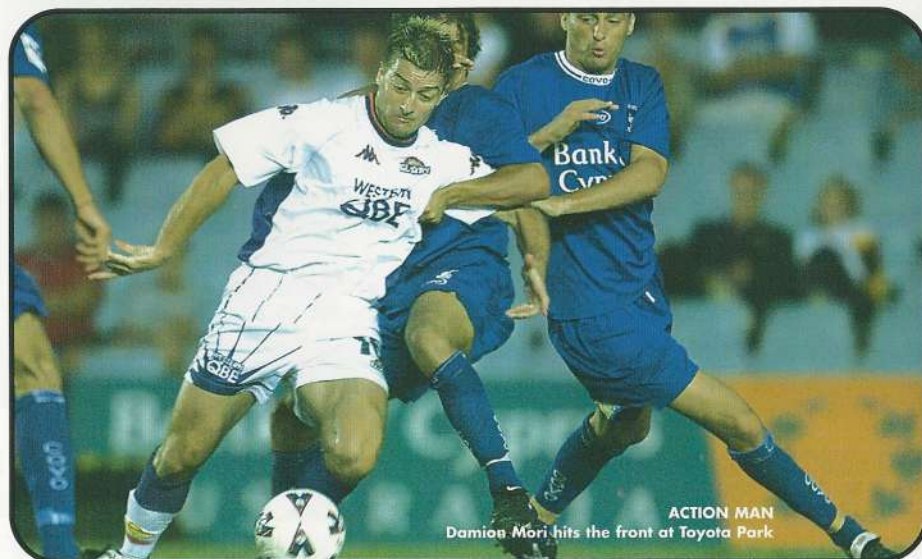
MATCH PREVIEW

Both clubs usually approach their football in the same way to thrill and excite the fans and that, surely, will make for yet another exciting season finale in the mould of the previous two seasons, though it is difficult to see them matching the 2000 season decider. Despite promising so much and delivering nothing in terms of championship success (though they have clearly led the way in administration and most things good off the field), the fledgling Glory are clearly entitled to go in as raging hot favourites on the back of their best season since joining the League in 1996.

Perth created NSL history by recording the biggest points winning margin on the way to grabbing their second premiership in three seasons. While most football traditionalists will tell you the first-past-the-post system is the only true indicator of a team's worth, the reality is that this is Australian soccer.

And, whether we like it or not, the Australian sporting culture is built around finals football and, more importantly, the Grand Final. Perth learned that the hard way when it allowed the 2000 championship decider to slip from its fingers after leading Wollongong Wolves 3-0 at half-time, eventually falling to the Wolves in a heart-breaking penalty shoot-out.

Not surprisingly, the bitter memories of that day still dog them. The nightmare will only be erased by lifting the championship trophy today. There are still a fair bunch of survivors among the players from that horror day.



**ACTION MAN**  
Damir Muri hits the front at Toyota Park



But, they have survived and thrived this season. Under the wonderful coaching of Mich d'Avray and his capable assistant Alan Vest, Glory have shown all season that they are ready and determined to shake off the nightmare once and for all.

Then there are the loyal band of fans, probably the best in the country. It would have been easy to abandon the club after the disaster of the 2000 Grand Final. But, they have stuck by the club in huge numbers and continued to make Glory far and away the best supported club in Australian soccer. And, Western Australia's love affair with soccer and, more importantly, Perth Glory will again be there for all to see today.

The Sharks, however, will undoubtedly have something to say about the claims that Glory are over the line propositions, even if their own history is littered with more heartbreak than success.

One championship (1990) is all they have to show for almost 25 years of being part of the League. But, these are heady days for the Sydneysiders.

A new home in Cronulla in Sydney's southern suburbs, a new coach in favourite son Gary Phillips and a mix of youth an experience says this club may yet realise their full potential. Whatever happens, this should be a game to savour.

May the best team win.

Ray Gatt - The Australian



**GLORIOUS GOAL**  
Tom Pondeljak scores against Perth

MATCH PREVIEW



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# HEAD TO HEAD



**ALL GAMES**  
Total games played 12  
Perth Glory wins 4  
Olympic Sharks wins 4  
Draws 4  
Perth Glory goals 17  
Olympic Sharks goals 21

**IN PERTH**  
Total games played 6  
Perth Glory wins 3  
Olympic Sharks wins 1  
Draws 2  
Perth Glory goals 8  
Olympic Sharks goals 4



## PREVIOUS CONFRONTATIONS

|          |             |                |     |                       |
|----------|-------------|----------------|-----|-----------------------|
| 13.10.96 | Perth Glory | Olympic Sharks | 1-4 | Perth Oval            |
| 02.02.97 | Perth Glory | Olympic Sharks | 2-0 | Belmore Sports Ground |
| 09.11.97 | Perth Glory | Olympic Sharks | 1-0 | Perth Oval            |
| 01.03.98 | Perth Glory | Olympic Sharks | 1-3 | Belmore Sports Ground |
| 20.12.98 | Perth Glory | Olympic Sharks | 1-3 | Belmore Sports Ground |
| 28.03.99 | Perth Glory | Olympic Sharks | 2-2 | Perth Oval            |
| 03.01.00 | Perth Glory | Olympic Sharks | 1-1 | Belmore Sports Ground |
| 25.04.00 | Perth Glory | Olympic Sharks | 1-0 | Perth Oval            |
| 04.11.00 | Perth Glory | Olympic Sharks | 1-1 | Perth Oval            |
| 18.02.01 | Perth Glory | Olympic Sharks | 3-3 | Belmore Sports Ground |
| 22.12.01 | Perth Glory | Olympic Sharks | 1-3 | Toyota Park           |
| 30.03.02 | Perth Glory | Olympic Sharks | 2-1 | Perth Oval            |

## LAST PERTH GLORY WIN

|          |             |                |     |
|----------|-------------|----------------|-----|
| 30.03.02 | Perth Glory | Olympic Sharks | 2-1 |
|----------|-------------|----------------|-----|

## LAST OLYMPIC SHARKS WIN

|          |             |                |     |
|----------|-------------|----------------|-----|
| 22.12.01 | Perth Glory | Olympic Sharks | 1-3 |
|----------|-------------|----------------|-----|

## BEST PERTH GLORY RESULT

|          |             |                |     |
|----------|-------------|----------------|-----|
| 02.02.97 | Perth Glory | Olympic Sharks | 2-0 |
|----------|-------------|----------------|-----|

## BEST OLYMPIC SHARKS RESULT

|          |             |                |     |
|----------|-------------|----------------|-----|
| 13.10.96 | Perth Glory | Olympic Sharks | 1-4 |
|----------|-------------|----------------|-----|

## LAST TIME THEY MET

**DATE:** 30-03-2002 (round 25)

**PERTH GLORY** 2 (Nick Mrdja 36', Bradley Hassell 45')

**OLYMPIC SHARKS** 1 (Ante Milicic 7')

**VENUE:** Perth Oval. Crowd: 11579. Referee: Mark Shield.

**CAUTIONS:** Jamie Harnwell 19', Scott Miller 47', David Tarka 60', Troy Halpin 53', Hiroyuki Ishida 78', Stephen Laybutt 85', Jade North 88'.

**PERTH GLORY:** Jason Petkovic, Shane Pryce, Jamie Harnwell, David Tarka, Scott Miller, Edgar Aldrighi Junior, Matthew Horsley, Brad Maloney, Bradley Hassell (Michael Garcia 80'), Nick Mrdja (Damian Mori 69'), Alistair Edwards.

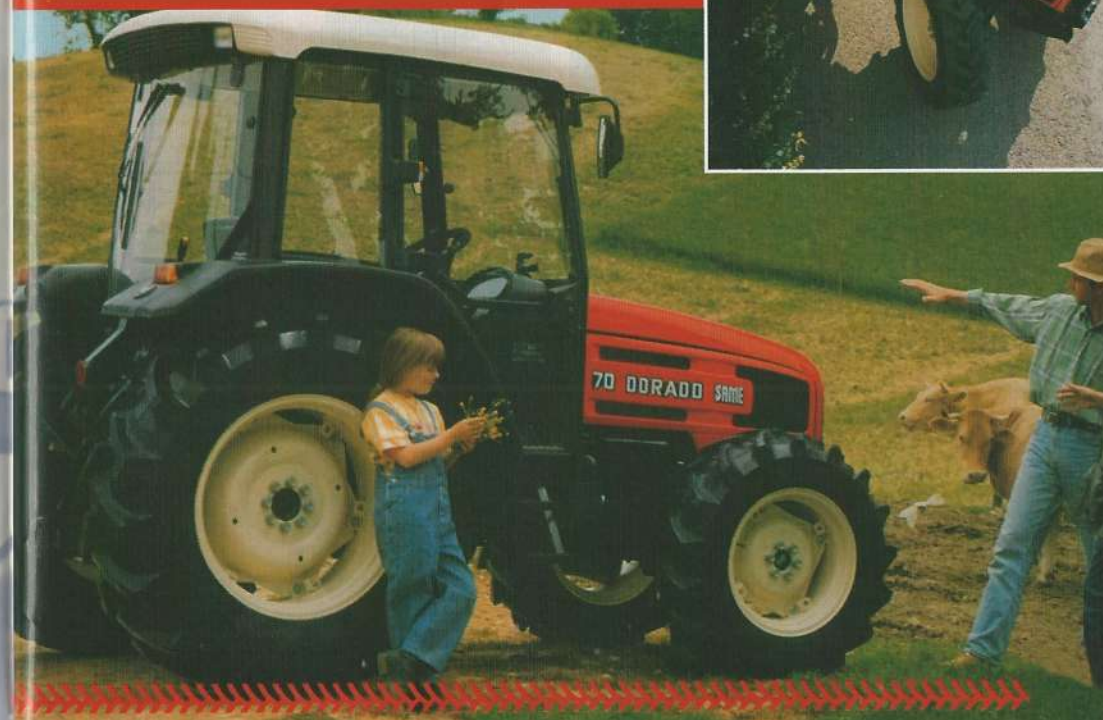
**OLYMPIC SHARKS:** Clint Bolton, Andrew Durante (Paul Kohler 62'), Ante Juric, Stephen Laybutt, Lindsay Wilson (Dylan Macallister 69'), Troy Halpin (Wayne Srhoj 83'), Jade North, Andrew Packer, Hiroyuki Ishida, Tom Pondeljak, Ante Milicic.



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|--------------|-----------|------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| 46mins       | 42mins    | Time in Possession (Average) | 48mins       | 41mins    |
| 56           | 25        | Goals                        | 45           | 16        |
| 228          | 123       | Attempts on target           | 253          | 103       |
| 180          | 100       | Attempts off target          | 158          | 74        |
| 10           | 7         | Attempts against woodwork    | 12           | 3         |
| 418          | 230       | Total attempts               | 422          | 180       |
| 6            | 2         | Penalties                    | 3            | 0         |
| 148          | 75        | Corners                      | 219          | 86        |
| 543          | 298       | Total crosses                | 634          | 243       |
| 207          | 119       | Successful crosses           | 211          | 76        |
| 304          | 131       | Fouls                        | 347          | 135       |
| 83           | 35        | Offsides                     | 116          | 38        |
| 25           | 13        | Yellow cards                 | 48           | 22        |
| 2            | 1         | Red cards                    | 3            | 1         |
| 26           | 9         | Goals conceded               | 27           | 14        |

*key stats*

Perth Glory

Olympic Sharks

|       | Attack                          |       |
|-------|---------------------------------|-------|
| 56    | Goals Scored                    | 45    |
| 418   | Goal Attempts                   | 422   |
| 13.4% | Success Rate %                  | 10.7% |
| 228   | Goal Attempts on Target         | 253   |
| 54.5% | Success Rate %                  | 60%   |
| 543   | Total Crosses                   | 634   |
| 207   | Successful Crosses              | 211   |
| 38.1% | Success Rate %                  | 33.3% |
|       | Defence                         |       |
| 26    | Goals Conceded                  | 27    |
| 1     | Average Goals Conceded per Game | 0.9   |

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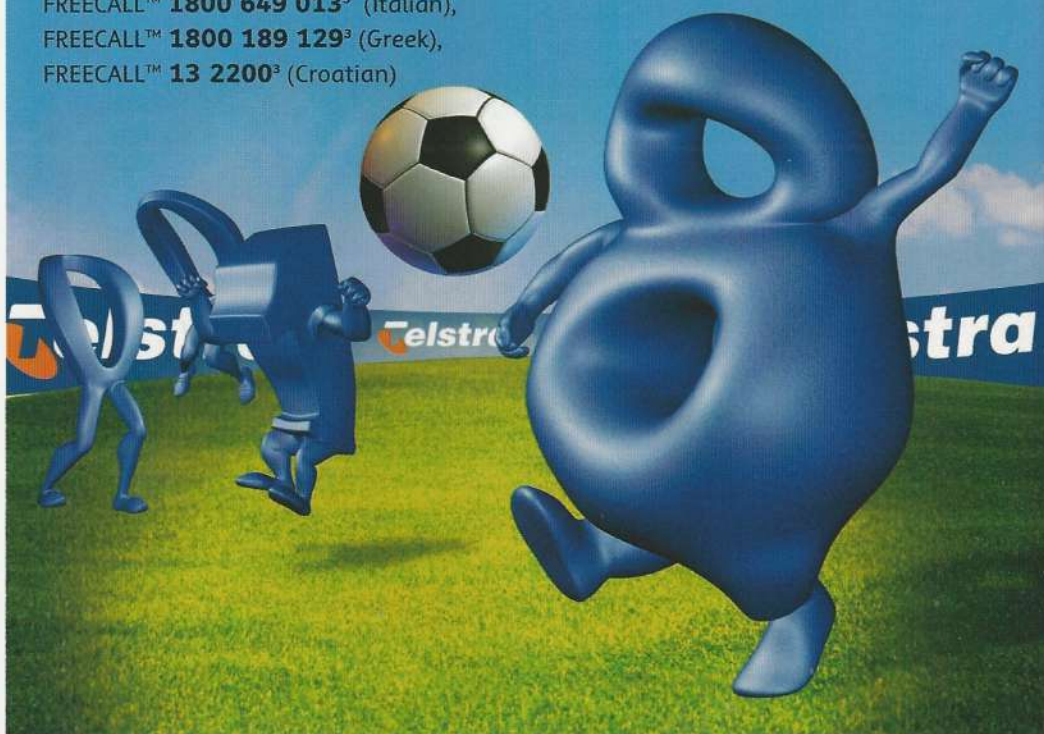
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- 11.30 am • Entertainment commences including -
  - Frank Farina
  - Paul Wade
  - Ange Postecoglou
  - The West Australian Junior Soccer Association
  - The NSL Dancers
  - RAAF Display
  - Sambanistas
  - Selwyn
  - Steve Armstrong
- 12.20 pm • Players enter arena for warm-up
- 12.54 pm • Players depart arena
- 12.56 pm • National anthem
- 12.59 pm • Coin Toss
- 1.00 pm • Kick Off
- Half-time • NSL Dancers
- 96fm \$5000 Cash Giveaway
- Harvey Norman Competition

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The Glory Year  
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# Subiaco - The Venue



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The first grandstand at Subiaco Oval was opened on 17 April 1909. The occasion was marked with a fancy dress Aussie Rules match between the residents of Subiaco and Leederville, with proceeds donated to help construct the Children's Hospital (later PMH).

In 1925 the WA State (soccer) Team played its first match at Subiaco Oval - a 5-3 win over the touring England Cricket Team in front of 7000 spectators.

The WA National Football League established its headquarters at Subiaco Oval in 1935. Offices and a members' stand were built during 1936 and Subiaco became the league's preferred venue for Aussie Rules finals.

During the 1950s and 1960s, professional tennis was played on Subiaco Oval, and concerts included a 1956 performance by American singer Nat King Cole.

The opening of the three-tiered stand at the western end in 1969 re-established Subiaco Oval as one of Perth's leading venues for major events. The 1970 Festival of Perth used the ground for major acts such as Duke Ellington, and concerts of this time included Elton John in 1971 and Led Zeppelin in 1972.

The first VFL/AFL match at Subiaco Oval was played on 29 March 1987.

Lights were erected at the ground in the summer of 1996-97. Subiaco Oval tasted its first NSL match in March 2000 when 42,764 watched the Glory win the Major Semi Final in extra time over the Wollongong Wolves. The 2000/01 NSL Grand Final held two weeks later attracted an all-time NSL record attendance of 43,242.



## RAAF Base Pearce

RAAF Base Pearce is located North-West of Perth in the community of Bullsbrook on the Great Northern Highway. The Base has been an important part of the West Australian community for many years, and in fact next year will celebrate its 65th Anniversary!

RAAF Base Pearce is the only operational Air Force Base in the West and is home to No 2 Flying Training School, 79 Squadron, and No 25 (City of Perth) Squadron. There are around 1,000 personnel on the Base including uniformed RAAF members, civilian Public Servants and Defence Contractors. Working together, these elements provide an impressive capability and a high level of support to Australian Defence Force operations.

Last month RAAF Base Pearce was awarded the highest accolade possible for a RAAF Base - the Hawker Siddeley Award. This prestigious proficiency award, in recognition of the Base's achievements throughout 2001, brought with it the title of "Best Base in Australia". However, Pearce is not only the best Air Force Base in the country, it is also the busiest with over 160,000 aircraft movements each year!

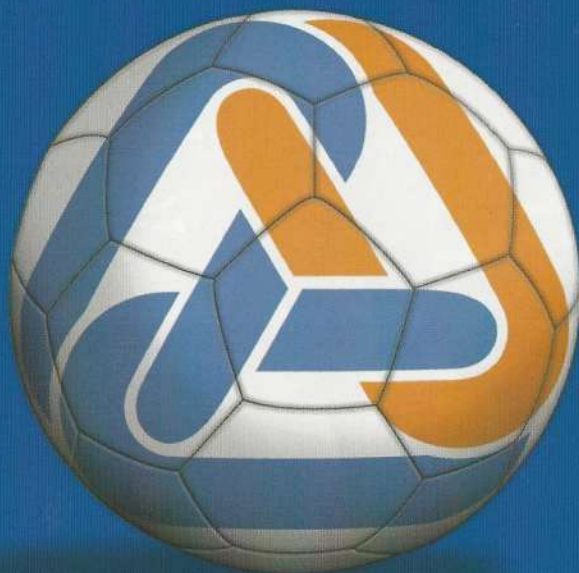
The flypast and aerobatics display this afternoon will be provided by pilots from No 2 Flying Training School flying Pilatus PC9 aircraft. Both Air Force and Navy pilots are trained at the School in an intensive 34 week program. There are many demands placed on the students during their course and the standards of flying skill and airmanship that a trainee must develop while at the School are very high. The unit motto 'Seek the Heights' is certainly a testament to the dedication and professionalism of both the students and instructors of No 2 Flying Training School.

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PC9 aircraft over RAAF Base Pearce

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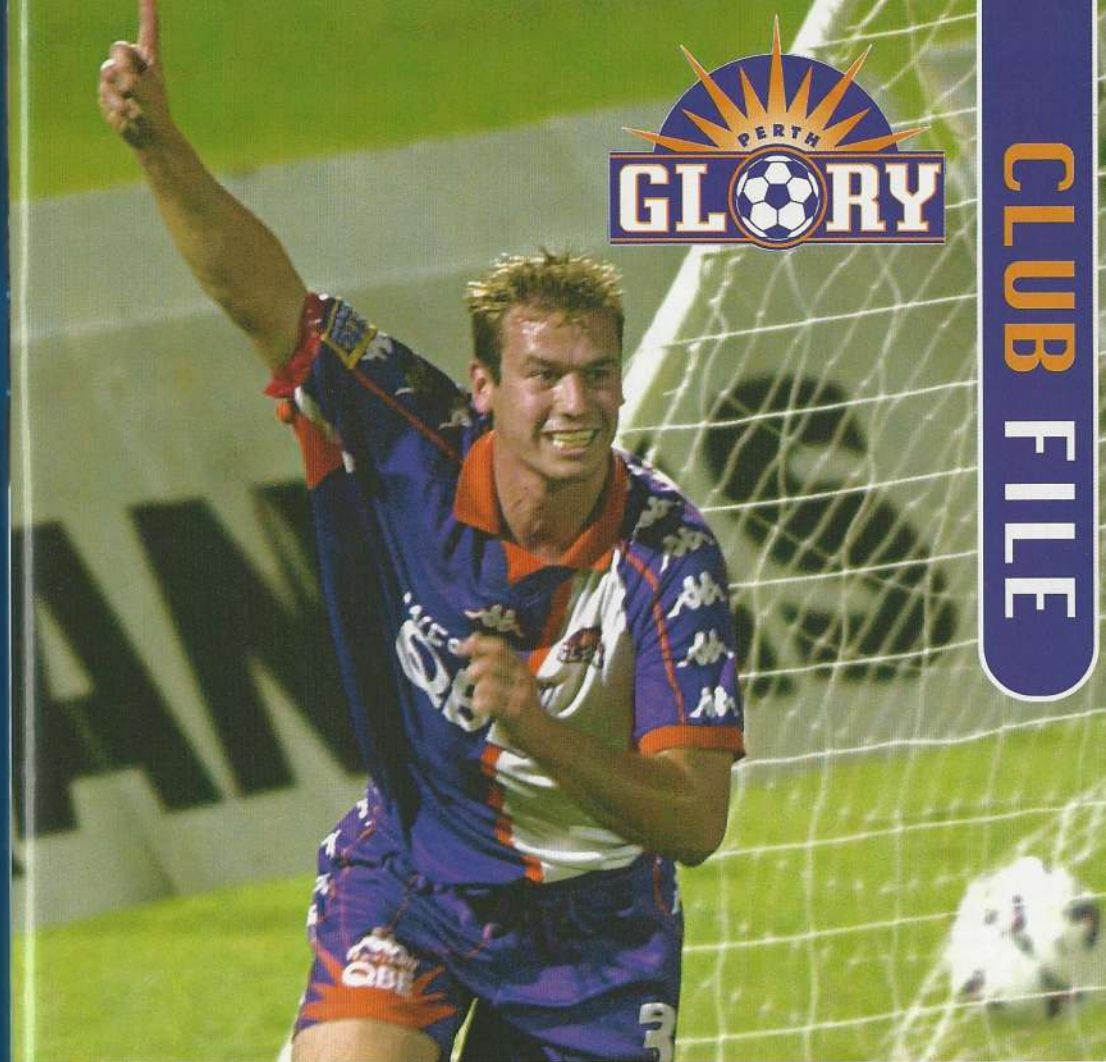


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## GLORY HEADING

PERTH Glory fans, officials and more importantly, the players, don't need to be reminded about THAT day two years ago, for it has been seared into their minds like a branding iron. It is a recurring nightmare that the media and the critics aren't going to let slide, until the bitter memories of that devastating grand final loss to the Wollongong Wolves are cast aside once and for all.

Glory have waited two long, hard years for a shot at redemption...a chance to obliterate the pain, the hurt and the humiliation that has torn at their hearts to such an extent that it amazes that there is still life left in the victim.

No matter the countless victories, the runaway minor premiership, the remarkable off-field success, the wonderfully loyal fans, Glory have sadly had to endure the slings and barbs associated with the penalty shoot-out loss to the Wollongong Wolves in front of a sell-out crowd at Subiaco Oval in the year of the Olympics 2000.

Leading 3-0 at half-time and with most in the 43,000 strong crowd already celebrating a maiden championship title, Perth fell apart under the weight of pressure from the Wolves, only narrowly holding on to a 3-3 draw after extra time before eventually succumbing in a heart-shattering penalty shoot-out.

Just when they had the chance to redeem themselves last season, Glory were again left disappointed, losing the two-legged Elimination Final to Melbourne Knights on the away goals rule

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## FOR REDEMPTION

However, a new coaching combination Mich d'Avray and Alan Vest has helped breathed new life and character into the club. And, like the remnants of a bush fire that has ravaged a forest, something good has emerged from the wreck of desolation. It is now a more robust, more determined Glory. An entity which has seemingly found strength in the wake of despair.

Virtually from the start of the season Perth has played like a team possessed - powerful and clinical. A tower of strength in defence and lethal in front of goal. They have carried almost all before them, brushing aside the contenders in a single-minded approach aimed at one thing redemption.

The first hurdle has been cleared. Glory did their job so that they raced to the biggest premiership winning margin in the 25-year history of the National Soccer League. They won by a proverbial country mile but this is Australia.

Unfortunately, success is not measured in terms of premierships. Grand finals are the norm, the tradition and always will be. The true test comes today for the demons are ready to play with the minds again. Teasing and taunting, looking for another crack.

And so, it's back to the scene of the crime, so to speak. How will Subiaco treat the Glory this time?

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 MARAGRET RIVER, Margaret River Timber & Hardware  
 MERRIEDIN, Richardson Timber & Hardware  
 PARABURDOO, Muzzy's Hardware  
 TOODYAY, Toodyay Traders  
 TOM PRICE, Muzzy's Hardware  
 CARNARVON, Tropics Hardware



### COACH PROFILE

#### MICH D'AVRAY

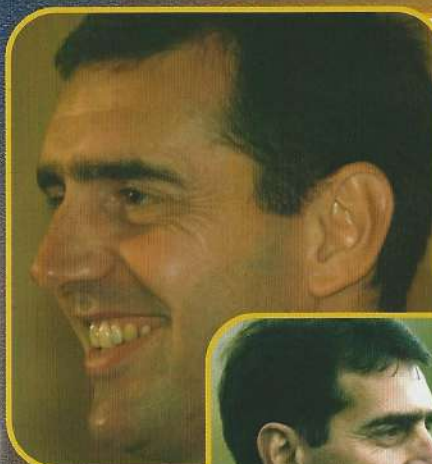
- Born 19 February 1962 in South Africa
- Played 211 games and scored 37 goals for Ipswich Town between 1979 and 1990; and three games (no goals) for Leicester City in 1987 in England, mainly in a striking role
- Represented England at the Under 23 level on two occasions in 1984
- Employed continually in coaching roles from 1991 to 1998 in South Africa, including South Africa Under 23 assistant coach in 1994, then head Under 23 coach from 1996 to 1998
- Assistant coach to Bernd Stange at Perth Glory from 1998/99 to 2000/01

#### NSL Coaching statistics

| Season | Club        | P  | W-D-L    |
|--------|-------------|----|----------|
| 01/02  | Perth Glory | 28 | 17-07-02 |
| Total  |             | 28 | 17-07-02 |

#### Coaching career - other clubs

| Season    | Club            | League       |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1993      | Maroka Swallows | South Africa |
| 1993-1994 | Cape Town Spurs | South Africa |



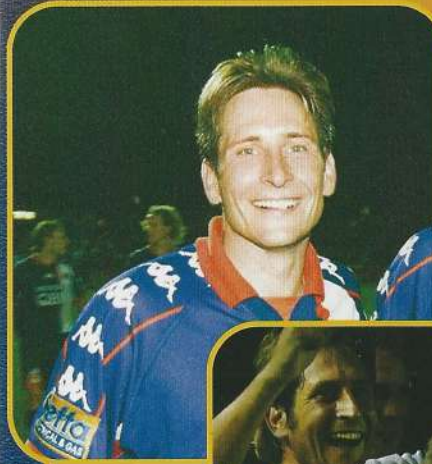
### CAPTAIN PROFILE

#### BOBBY DESPOTOVSKI

- Born 14 July 1971 in Perth
- Transferred from WA club Floreat Athena to national league club Heidelberg United in 1994
- Top scorer in the 1996 Victorian State League with 25 goals for Heidelberg United, including a goal in the 3-all (loss on penalties) Grand Final against Altona Magic
- Played in both matches of the Nintendo Superstars of Soccer series June 1997 - effectively an Australian training camp for the 1998 World Cup qualifiers
- Became just the fourth substitute in NSL history to score a hat-trick - for Perth Glory v Brisbane Strikers (final score 6-0) on 14 February 1999
- Scored a goal for Perth Glory in the 3-all (loss on penalties) 1999/2000 NSL Grand Final against Wollongong Wolves

#### NSL Playing statistics

| Season      | Club              | P   | W-D-L |
|-------------|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 94/95       | Heidelberg United | 18  | 9     |
| 95/96       | Eastern Pride     | 6   | 1     |
| 96/97-01/02 | Perth Glory       | 153 | 71    |
| Total       |                   | 177 | 81    |



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# PLAYERS PROFILES



## 1 Jason Petkovic

Age 29 • Goalkeeper  
01/02 games 25 • 01/02 goals 0  
WA product • Played 155 games for  
Adelaide City 1993 to 1999 • Eleven  
Socceroo caps 1995 to 2001 • Grand  
Final experience with Adelaide City  
(1995) and Perth Glory (2000) •  
Goalkeeper of the year candidate



## 2 Matthew Horsley

Age 29 • Midfielder  
01/02 games 24 • 01/02 goals 2  
Wollongong junior • Played 284  
games (36 goals) for Wollongong  
Wolves 1991 to 2000 • Grand Final  
victories in 2000 and 2001 • Player of  
the match 2001 Grand Final • One  
Socceroo cap against Bulgaria 2000



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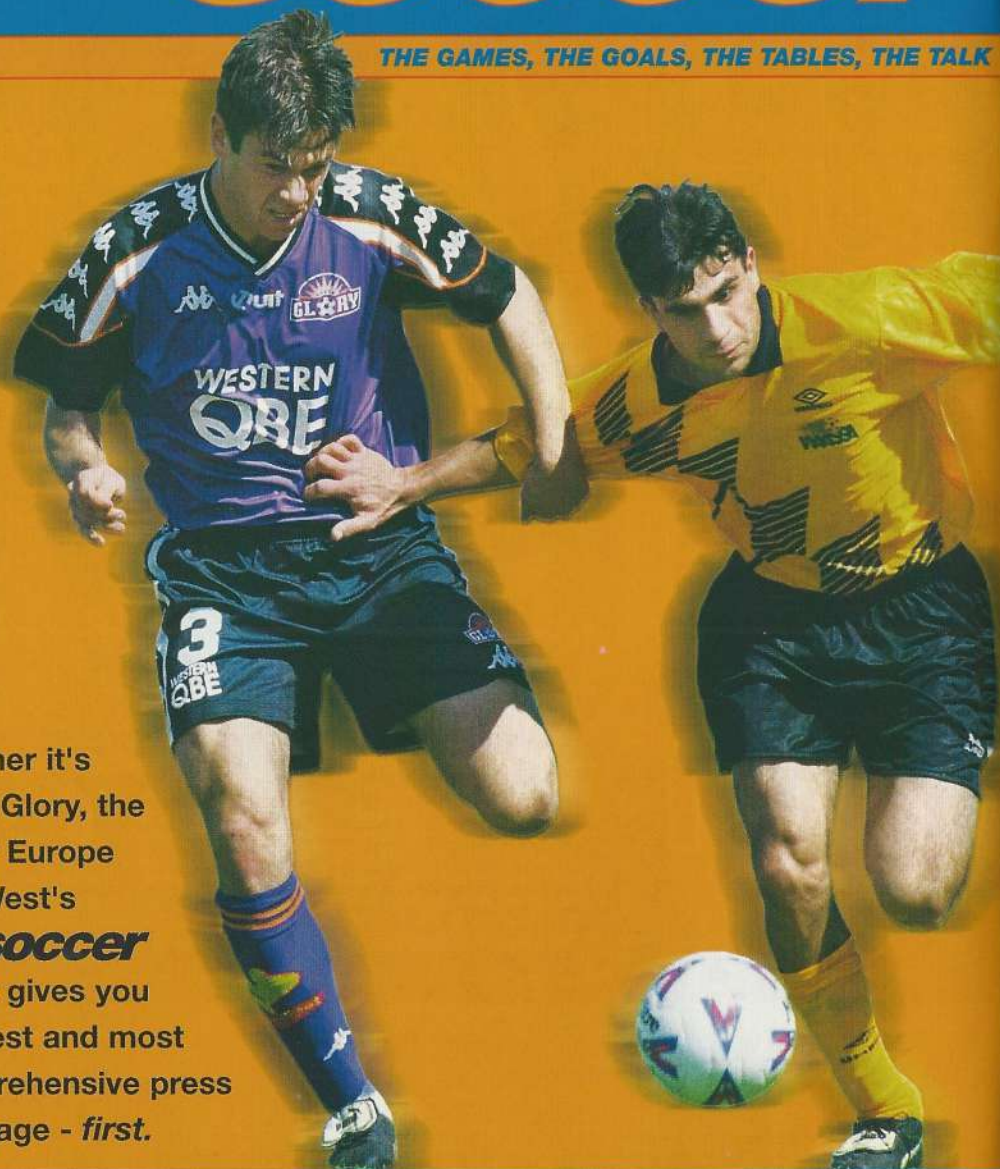


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### 3 Jamie Harnwell

Age 24 • Defender  
01/02 games 23 • 01/02 goals 4  
Joined Glory from local team  
Sorrento • Represented Australia at  
the World Student Games • WA State  
Team representative • Perth Glory  
Sony Clubman of the Year 2000 •  
Scored in 2000 Grand Final



### 5 Craig Deans

Age 28 • Defender  
01/02 games 23 • 01/02 goals 1  
Originally signed by Glory from  
Western Knights in 1998/99 • Moved  
to Melbourne and played 36 games  
(no goals) for Carlton 1999 to 2000 •  
Returned to Glory January 2001 • WA  
State Team representative



### 6 Gareth Haven

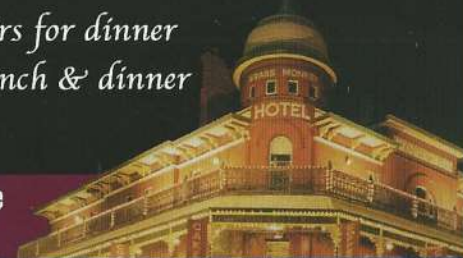
Age 33 • Midfielder  
01/02 games 5 • 01/02 goals 0  
Australian Under 16 International •  
Australian Schoolboy International •  
Australian Institute of Sport 1986 •  
Played 12 games (no goals) for  
Adelaide City 1988 to 1989 • At  
Sarawak (Malaysia) 1995



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**7 Scott Miller**

Age 29 • Defender  
01/02 games 24 • 01/02 goals 1  
Played 59 games (three goals) at  
Eastern Pride 1994 to 1996 • Current  
appearance record holder for Perth  
Glory with 165 games • Soccerroo  
caps against Colombia and American  
Samoa 2001



**8 Brad Maloney**

Age 30 • Midfielder  
01/02 games 23 • 01/02 goals 8  
Played at Leichhardt, Newcastle  
Breakers, Olympic Sharks and  
Marc'ni Stallions • Australian Under  
23 Olyroo and Under 20 International  
• Six Soccerroo caps • NSL Player of  
the Year 1998/99 • Joined Glory 2000



**9 Alistair Edwards**

Age 33 • Striker  
01/02 games 25 • 01/02 goals 0  
Australian Under 20 International •  
Nineteen Soccerroo caps • Played 80  
games (10 goals) for Olympic Sharks  
1989 to 1997 • Played at Brighton,  
Millwall (England) and Johor,  
Selangor and Sarawak (Malaysia)



**10 Bobby Despotovski**

Age 30 • Striker  
01/02 games 23 • 01/02 goals 14  
Played at Heidelberg 1994/95 and  
Eastern Pride 1995/96 • WA State  
Team representative • Current record  
goalscorer for Perth Glory with 71  
goals • 2001/02 NSL Player of the  
Year candidate



**11 Michael Garcia**

Age 24 • Midfielder  
01/02 games 18 • 01/02 goals 0  
Australian Institute of Sport 1994 to  
1995 • Played 27 games (no goals)  
for Canberra Cosmos 1995 to 1997.  
Australian Under 20 and Under 23  
representative, including 2000  
Olympic games lead-up matches



**12 Bradley Hassell**

Age 28 • Striker  
01/02 games 13 • 01/02 goals 3  
Australian Schoolboy International  
1992 • Australian Under 23  
International - 1996 Olympics  
qualifiers • Played 213 games (44  
goals) for Adelaide City 1993 to 2001 •  
Scored six goals in NSL finals matches



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**14 Dion Valle**

Age 24 • Defender  
01/02 games 3 • 01/02 goals 0  
Born in Darwin • Played at Colo Colo (Chile) • Played six matches for Chile at the 1993 Under 17 World Youth Championships (Japan) • Played at NSW State League club Macarthur Rams 1998 to 1999



**15 Edgar Aldright Junior**

Age 28 • Midfielder  
01/02 games 25 • 01/02 goals 0  
Brazilian import • Played at Gremio, Porto Alegrensi, Guarani, Sport d Recife, Uniao Sao Joao and Paysandu (Brazil) • Brazilian Under 20 squad member • Joined Glory at start of the 1998/99 season



**16 Damian Mori**

Age 31 • Striker  
01/02 games 26 • 01/02 goals 18  
Previously at South Melbourne, Sunshine, Melbourne Knights and Adelaide City • At Monchengladbach (Germany) 1996/97 • Under 23 and Senior Socceroo (41 caps) • Current NSL top scorer with 185 goals



**17 Gary Faria**

Age 23 • Midfielder  
01/02 games 19 • 01/02 goals 2  
Joined Glory from WA State League team Fremantle City part-way through the 1999/2000 NSL season • WA State Team representative • Awarded Glory contract when Ivan Ergic purchased by Juventus



**18 Shane Pryce**

Age 28 • Defender  
01/02 games 25 • 01/02 goals 0  
From Northern NSW club Adamstown Rosebud • Played 129 games (17 goals) with Newcastle Breakers from 1995 to 2000 • Former Breakers captain • Northern NSW representative • Joined Glory in 2000



**20 Tony Franken**

Age 38 • Goalkeeper  
01/02 games 1 • 01/02 goals 0  
Previously at Canberra City, Sydney United, Leichhardt, Parramatta Eagles and Olympic Sharks • Under 20, Under 23 and Senior Socceroo • Australian goalkeeping coach in 2002 World Cup campaign



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**23 David Tarka**

Age 19 • Defender  
01/02 games 16 • 01/02 goals 0  
Australian Schoolboy International  
1999 • Australian Institute of Sport  
2000 to 2001 • Joined Glory for the  
2001/02 season • A youngster who  
has virtually cemented a first grade  
starting berth this season



**26 Nick Mrdja**

Age 23 • Striker  
01/02 games 9 • 01/02 goals 3  
Played with local team Bayswater  
City as a teenager • Played three  
games (no goals) at Canberra  
Cosmos 1998/99 • Returned to Perth  
linking up with Perth SC for the 2000  
State League season



**30 Vince Matassa**

Age 28 • Goalkeeper  
01/02 games 1 • 01/02 goals 0  
Australian Institute of Sport 1991 •  
Represented Australia at the 1993  
World Youth Cup • At Eastern Pride  
(NSL) 1994/95, Wycombe (England)  
1995/96, Glory (NSL) 1996/97 and  
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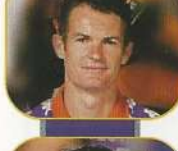
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## PERTH GLORY SQUAD — FINALS HISTORY

| SEASON                                                                                | CLUB                      | FINALS MATCHES | BIGGEST FINALS MATCH       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
|    | <b>Edgar Aldrichi Jnr</b> | <b>7</b>       | <b>Grand Final</b>         |
| 99/00                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 3              | Grand Final (loss on pens) |
| 00/01                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 2              | Elimination Final          |
| 01/02                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 2              | Major Semi Final           |
|    | <b>Craig Deans</b>        | <b>11</b>      | <b>Major Semi Final</b>    |
| 98/99                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 4              | Preliminary Final          |
| 99/00                                                                                 | Carlton                   | 4              | Preliminary Final          |
| 00/01                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 2              | Elimination Final          |
| 01/02                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 1              | Major Semi Final           |
|    | <b>Bobby Despotovski</b>  | <b>11</b>      | <b>Grand Final</b>         |
| 98/99                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 4              | Preliminary Final          |
| 99/00                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 3              | Grand Final (loss on pens) |
| 00/01                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 2              | Elimination Final          |
| 01/02                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 2              | Major Semi Final           |
|    | <b>Alistair Edwards</b>   | <b>20</b>      | <b>Grand Final</b>         |
| 1989                                                                                  | Olympic Sharks            | 4              | Grand Final (loss on pens) |
| 89/90                                                                                 | Olympic Sharks            | 3              | Grand Final (win on pens)  |
| 95/96                                                                                 | Olympic Sharks            | 2              | Elimination Final          |
| 98/99                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 4              | Preliminary Final          |
| 99/00                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 3              | Grand Final (draw)         |
| 00/01                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 2              | Elimination Final          |
| 01/02                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 2              | Major Semi Final           |
|   | <b>Gary Faria</b>         | <b>4</b>       | <b>Major Semi Final</b>    |
| 00/01                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 2              | Elimination Final          |
| 01/02                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 2              | Major Semi Final           |
|  | <b>Michael Garcia</b>     | <b>2</b>       | <b>Preliminary Final</b>   |
| 98/99                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 2              | Preliminary Final          |
|  | <b>Jamie Harnwell</b>     | <b>10</b>      | <b>Grand Final</b>         |
| 98/99                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 4              | Preliminary Final          |
| 99/00                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 3              | Grand Final (loss on pens) |
| 00/01                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 1              | Elimination Final          |
| 01/02                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 2              | Major Semi Final           |
|  | <b>Bradley Hassell</b>    | <b>19</b>      | <b>Grand Final</b>         |
| 93/94                                                                                 | Adelaide City Force       | 5              | Grand Final (win)          |
| 94/95                                                                                 | Adelaide City Force       | 3              | Grand Final (loss)         |
| 95/96                                                                                 | Adelaide City Force       | 2              | Elimination Final          |
| 96/97                                                                                 | Adelaide City Force       | 3              | Minor Semi Final           |
| 97/98                                                                                 | Adelaide City Force       | 2              | Elimination Final          |
| 99/00                                                                                 | Adelaide City Force       | 2              | Elimination Final          |
| 01/02                                                                                 | Perth Glory               | 2              | Major Semi Final           |

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## SEASON CLUB FINALS MATCHES BIGGEST FINALS MATCH

**Matthew Horsley** 16 **Grand Final**  
 91/92 Wollongong Wolves 1 Elimination Semi Final  
 92/93 Wollongong Wolves 3 Minor Semi Final  
 97/98 Wollongong Wolves 3 Minor Semi Final  
 99/00 Wollongong Wolves 4 Grand Final (win on pens)  
 00/01 Wollongong Wolves 3 Grand Final (win)  
 01/02 Perth Glory 2 Major Semi Final

**Vince Matassa** 2 **Elimination Final**  
 94/95 Eastern Pride 2 Elimination Final

**Brad Maloney** 17 **Grand Final**  
 93/94 Olympic Sharks 2 Elimination Final  
 95/96 Marconi Stallions 4 Grand Final (loss)  
 96/97 Marconi Stallions 2 Elimination Final  
 97/98 Marconi Stallions 4 Preliminary Final  
 99/00 Marconi Stallions 2 Elimination Final  
 00/01 Perth Glory 1 Elimination Final  
 01/02 Perth Glory 2 Major Semi Final

**Nick Mrdja** 2 **Major Semi Final**  
 00/01 Perth Glory 1 Elimination Final  
 01/02 Perth Glory 1 Major Semi Final

**Scott Miller** 13 **Grand Final**  
 94/95 Eastern Pride 2 Elimination Final  
 98/99 Perth Glory 4 Preliminary Final  
 99/00 Perth Glory 3 Grand Final (loss on pens)  
 00/01 Perth Glory 2 Elimination Final  
 01/02 Perth Glory 2 Major Semi Final

**Gareth Naven** 9 **Grand Final**  
 98/99 Perth Glory 4 Preliminary Final  
 99/00 Perth Glory 3 Grand Final (loss on pens)  
 00/01 Perth Glory 2 Elimination Final

**Damian Mori** 29 **Grand Final**  
 91/92 Melbourne Knights 2 Grand Final (draw)  
 92/93 Adelaide City Force 5 Grand Final (loss)  
 93/94 Adelaide City Force 5 Grand Final (win)  
 94/95 Adelaide City Force 3 Grand Final (loss)  
 95/96 Adelaide City Force 4 Preliminary Final  
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 01/02 Perth Glory 2 Major Semi Final

# PERTH GLORY SQUAD — FINALS HISTORY

## SEASON CLUB FINALS MATCHES BIGGEST FINALS MATCH

**Shane Pryce** 2 **Major Semi Final**  
 01/02 Perth Glory 2 Major Semi Final

**David Tarka** 2 **Major Semi Final**  
 01/02 Perth Glory 2 Major Semi Final

**Dion Valle** 2 **Major Semi Final**  
 99/00 Perth Glory 1 Major Semi Final  
 00/01 Perth Glory 1 Elimination Final

**Jason Petkovic** 21 **Grand Final**  
 94/95 Adelaide City Force 3 Grand Final (loss)  
 95/96 Adelaide City Force 4 Preliminary Final  
 96/97 Adelaide City Force 3 Minor Semi Final  
 97/98 Adelaide City Force 2 Elimination Final  
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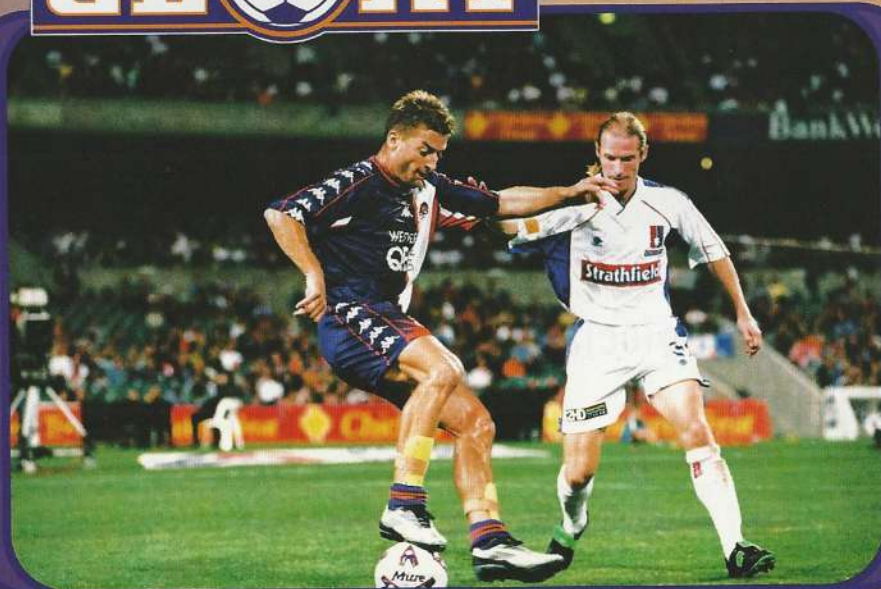
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# THE ROAD



# TO THE FINALS





## THE PERTH GLORY STORY

It took twenty years but it was worth the wait. The misnomer in the title of the 'National' Soccer League, formed in 1977, was finally rectified when the Perth Glory entered the competition in 1996.

When the national league was being established in the mid-seventies, 'Soccer World' newspaper reported "Perth has announced that they would be willing to field a composite team and already have guarantees amounting to \$50,000 to support their bid." History tells us however that Perth were not one of the inaugural 1977 teams - the massive burden of airfares not wanting to be borne by the other clubs. The West was left to show its footballing strength in other domestic - or even international - forums.

One such competition that had already displayed the powerful force of WA soccer was the Merdeka Cup - a prestigious annual tournament held in Malaysia, which the WA state side competed in the late sixties and to early seventies. Playing against various national teams of south east Asia, WA performed consistently well, including a third placing in the 1968 series.

WA competed in another south-east Asian competition, the Marah Halim Cup, in 1975 and 1976 - and won the tournament both times.

In 1989 the Perth Cougars entered the Australian indoor league and made the grand final, losing 3-2 to the Sydney Tornados.

However the Cougars' expedition lasted just one season with the dreaded airfares again bearing the blame.

In 1994 the Perth Kangaroos entered the Singapore's Premier League, a competition intended to be a forerunner to a south-east Asian league. But this league turned out to be a farce - only because the Kangaroos won all of its games that season. In 1995 a full-strength West Ham travelled to Perth to play the WA state team, with the home side winning - albeit on penalties - after a 2-2 draw.



It was clear by the mid-nineties that WA had what it took to succeed on the park. What was needed at this stage was to establish a long-term financially viable venture in to the NSL. Enter Nick Tana and co and the Perth Glory were

launched, commencing their national league journey in season 1996/97. After two seasons of consolidation, the Glory made the finals in 1998/99 where progress ceased at the preliminary final. The Glory took an extra step in season 1999/2000, losing the Grand Final albeit on penalties in an unforgettable game. Now after breaking almost every record that could be broken by a team in the regular season, including longest stint in first position, quickest Premiership and largest gap at the top of the table at season's end, the Glory are rightfully hosting the 2001/02 Grand Final. Today the club has their best chance of proving without doubt that the West is where the nation's footballing supremacy lies.



### CLUB HONOURS

Runners-up: 1 - 1999/2000

Finalists: 4 - 1998/99, 1999/2000, 2000/01, 2001/02

### CLUB RECORDS

Best result: W 6-0 v Brisbane Strikers (Perth Oval) 14.02.99

Worst result: L 0-3 v Wollongong Wolves (Perth Oval) 14.12.97

Most goals scored: 7 (W 7-2) v Kingz FC (North Harbour Stadium) 26.10.01

Most goals conceded: 4 (W 6-4) v Adelaide City Force (Hindmarsh Stadium) 16.03.01

Most games played: 165 - Scott Miller 96/97-01/02

Most goals scored - career: 71 - Bobby Despotovski 96/97-01/02

Most goals scored - season: 19 - Damian Mori 00/01

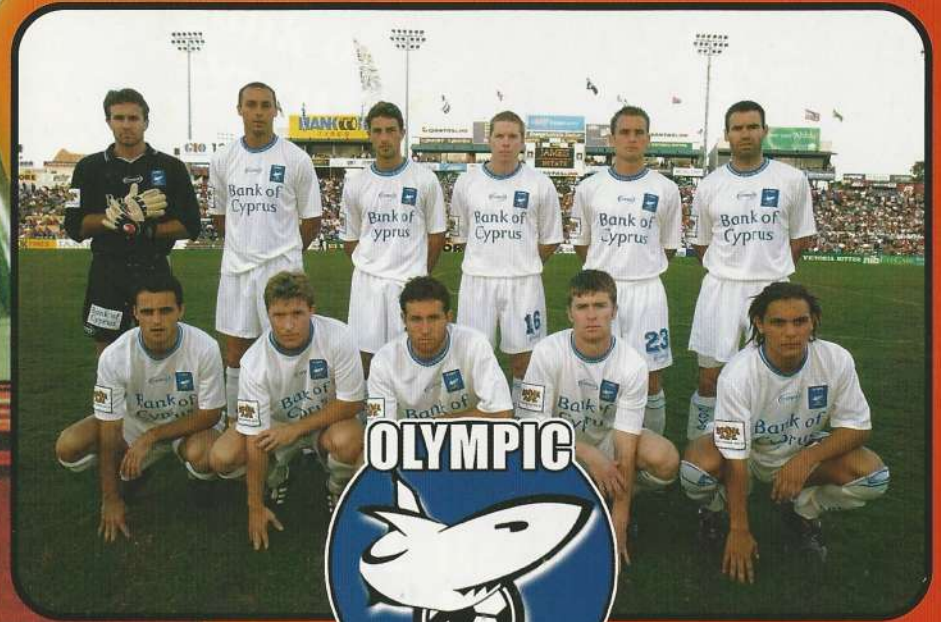
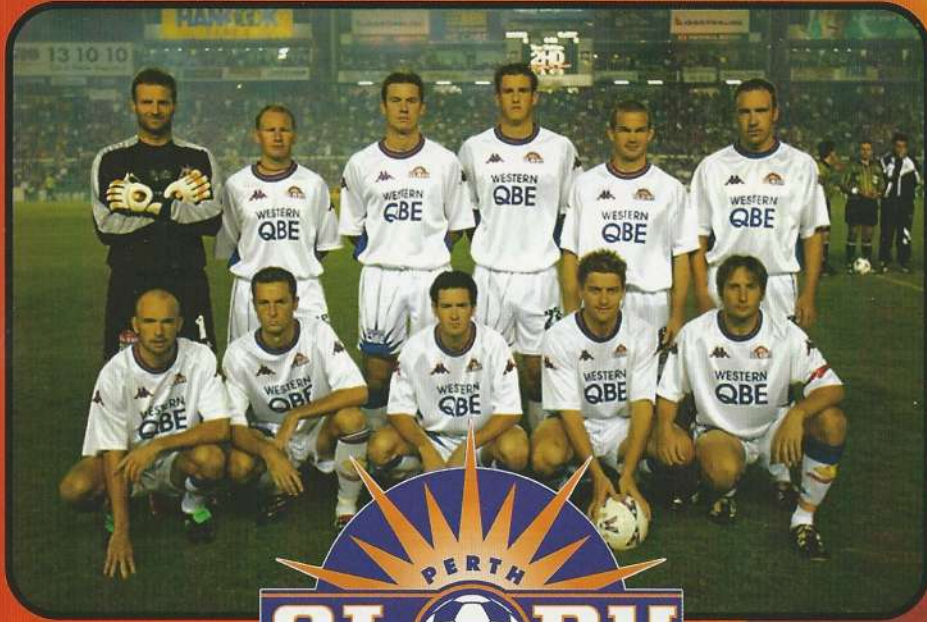
Most goals scored - match: 4 - Damian Mori (W7-2) v Brisbane Strikers 06.01.01

Most games played - goalkeeper: 84 - Jason Petkovic 99/00-01/02

Most games coached: 99 - Bernd Stange 98/99-00/01

| Season                                        | Ladder position                                                                | No. teams | Games W-D-L | Goals F-A | Top scorer (goals)                    | Coach         |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>PERTH GLORY NSL RECORD - LEAGUE RECORD</b> |                                                                                |           |             |           |                                       |               |
| 96/97                                         | 7th                                                                            | 14        | 11-05-10    | 48-41     | Bobby Despotovski (14)                | Gary Marocchi |
| 97/98                                         | 8th                                                                            | 14        | 10-06-10    | 35-40     | Bobby Despotovski (8)                 | Gary Marocchi |
| 98/99                                         | 3rd                                                                            | 15        | 16-05-07    | 62-37     | Con Boutsianis (12)                   | Bernd Stange  |
| 99/00                                         | 1st                                                                            | 16        | 19-07-08    | 60-42     | Con Boutsianis, Alistair Edwards (13) | Bernd Stange  |
| 00/01                                         | 3rd                                                                            | 15        | 18-07-05    | 73-33     | Damian Mori (19)                      | Bernd Stange  |
| 01/02                                         | 1st                                                                            | 13        | 16-07-01    | 52-23     | Damian Mori (18)                      | Mich d'Avray  |
| <b>FINALS RECORD</b>                          |                                                                                |           |             |           |                                       |               |
| 98/99                                         | Won elimination final (2 legs) - won minor semi-final - lost preliminary final |           |             |           |                                       |               |
| 99/00                                         | Won major semi-final (2 legs) - lost grand final                               |           |             |           |                                       |               |
| 00/01                                         | Lost elimination final (2 legs)                                                |           |             |           |                                       |               |
| 01/02                                         | Won major semi-final (2 legs) - grand final                                    |           |             |           |                                       |               |

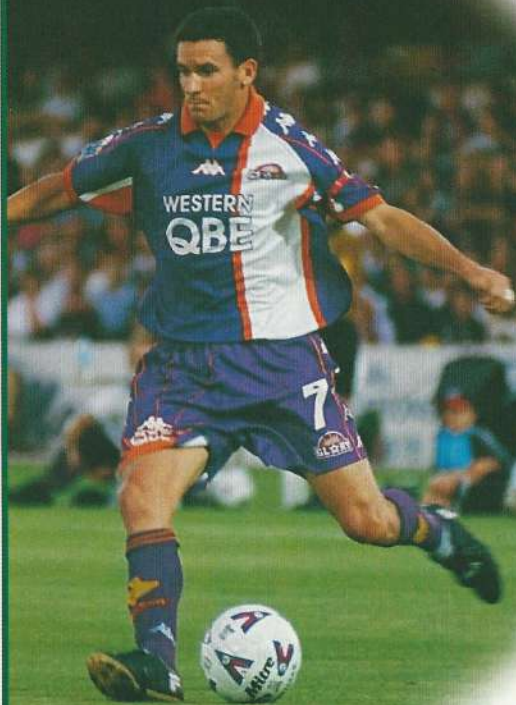
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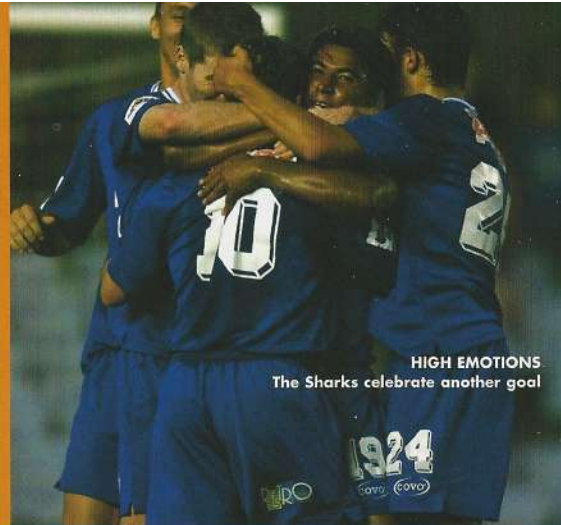
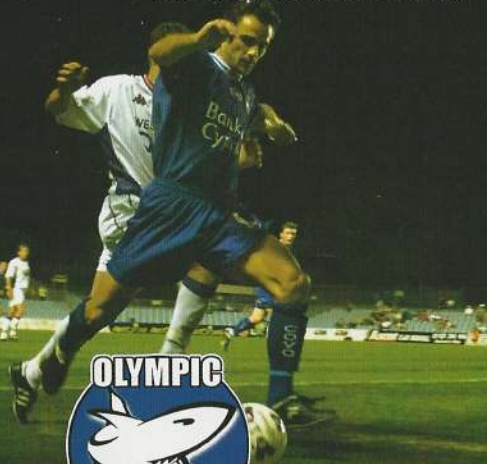


CLUB FILE

## Sharks put **bite** into the championship

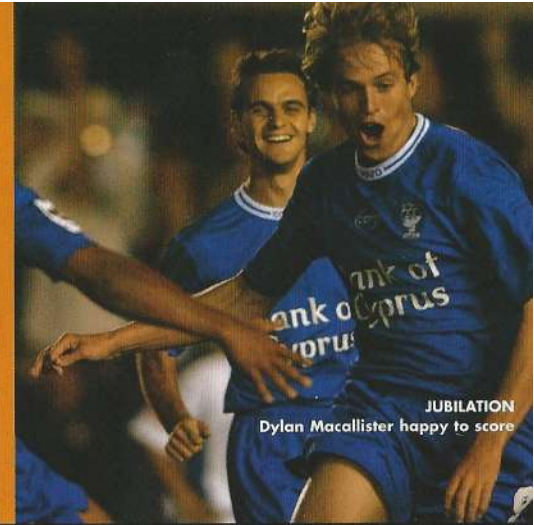


**ON THE RUN**  
Tom Pondeljak bursts down the sideline



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The Sharks celebrate another goal

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Lindsay Wilson plays the ball out of defence



**JUBILATION**  
Dylan Macallister happy to score

## OLYMPIC FLAME

THEY have some of the most passionate and parochial supporters in Australian sport and a history littered with controversy and pain.

Yet, despite being one of just a handful of founding members still in the National League and one with a rich tradition stretching back beyond the formation of the League, the Sharks have discovered it has not been enough to guarantee success on the field.

With just one championship to show for their efforts in the 25-year history of the NSL, it is not surprising some critics have cruelly labelled them under-achievers and character-flawed.

It's been a classic tale of promising so much but delivering precious little, most notably when it comes to the crunch part of the season – the finals. But, this may well be the year the tide turns for this proud club.

Last week's heroic against-the-odds victory against Newcastle United in the Preliminary Final opened the eyes of many followers of the League.

Olympic are no longer a club with an exposed, soft underbelly ready to be ripped apart by a hungry opponent.

No, this is a side built on character and determination, youth and experience, exuberance and calm.

A team which showed last week that it now deserves undivided respect and recognition.

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Sharks signed Ante Milicic in February



## TO BURN BRIGHT

Make no mistake, the Sharks were not entitled to beat Newcastle after losing the heart of their team defender Ante Juric and midfielder Troy Halpin – through injury inside the first 40 minutes of the game. And the Olympic of old would have crumbled like a deck of cards when Japanese import Hiroyuki Ishida was stretchered off after 50 minutes. But, these are heady days for the Sydney southern suburbs-based club.

While the injury toll grew, it was Olympic's band of enthusiastic younger and inexperienced brigade – Jade North, Andrew Packer, Andrew Durante, Paul Kohler and Wayne Srhoj – who stepped up to the mark in their hour of need.

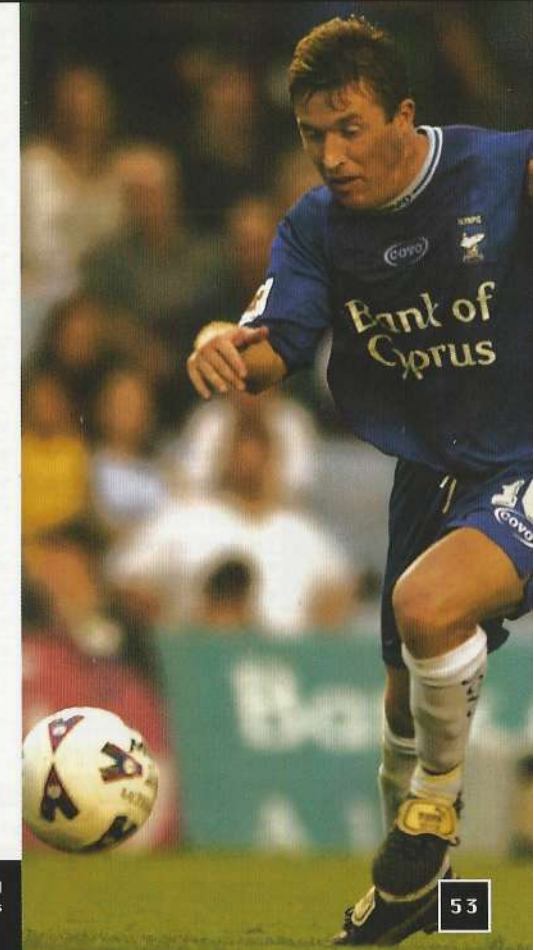
They might be regarded as an unfashionable lot at the moment, but coach Gary Phillips wouldn't swap them for anyone.

Phillips has also made his mark in his rookie season as an NSL coach.

A favourite son who won a title with the Sharks in 1990, he spent 11 wonderful season with Olympic before spreading his wings in a football journey that took him to Tonga via Brisbane and back home again.

Yet, despite his credentials, there were those who doubted his ability to handle the pressure from outside and within.

Fortunately, Phillips has proved them wrong. Sure, he might have made a mistake or two along the way, but Olympic are now reaping the benefits of a young man with plenty to offer Australian soccer.



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| Sat 06-Oct                 | Sydney United       | H   | 1-0 | 9612  | ✓     |       | ✓    |      |       |       |      |     | ✓     | ✓    | ✓    |       | ✓    |       | ✓      |      | ✓    |      |        |       | ✓      | ✓      |       |         |      |          |      |  |
| Sat 20-Oct                 | Melbourne Knights   | H   | 0-1 | 5213  | ✓     |       |      | ✓    |       |       | ✓    | ✓   | ✓     | ✓    | ✓    |       | ✓    |       | ✓      |      | ✓    |      |        |       | ✓      | ✓      |       |         |      |          |      |  |
| Fri 26-Oct                 | Northern Spirit     | A   | 3-0 | 9687  | ✓     |       |      | ✓    | ✓     |       | ✓    | ✓   | ✓     | ✓    | ✓    |       |      |       | ✓      | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓      | ✓     | ✓      | ✓      |       |         |      |          |      |  |
| Sat 03-Nov                 | Parramatta Power    | H   | 2-2 | 7940  | ✓     |       |      | ✓    |       |       | ✓    | ✓   | ✓     | ✓    | ✓    |       |      |       | ✓      |      |      |      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓      |        |       |         |      |          |      |  |
| Sat 10-Nov                 | Newcastle United    | A   | 0-1 | 6085  | ✓     |       |      | ✓    |       |       | ✓    | ✓   | ✓     | ✓    | ✓    |       |      |       | ✓      |      | ✓    |      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓      |        | ✓     |         |      |          |      |  |
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| Sun 03-Feb                 | Northern Spirit     | H   | 3-0 | 6124  | ✓     | ✓     |      | ✓    |       |       | ✓    | ✓   | ✓     | ✓    | ✓    |       |      |       |        |      |      | ✓    |        |       | ✓      |        |       |         |      |          | ✓    |  |
| Sat 09-Feb                 | Parramatta Power    | A   | 0-1 | 5844  | ✓     |       |      | ✓    |       |       | ✓    | ✓   | ✓     | ✓    | ✓    |       |      |       | ✓      |      |      |      |        |       | ✓      |        |       |         |      |          | ✓    |  |
| Sun 17-Feb                 | Newcastle United    | H   | 1-1 | 6256  | ✓     | ✓     |      | ✓    |       |       | ✓    | ✓   | ✓     | ✓    | ✓    |       |      |       |        |      |      | ✓    |        |       | ✓      |        |       |         |      |          | ✓    |  |
| Fri 22-Feb                 | Adelaide City Force | A   | 3-0 | 2871  | ✓     | ✓     |      |      |       |       | ✓    | ✓   | ✓     | ✓    | ✓    | ✓     |      |       | ✓      | ✓    | ✓    |      |        |       | ✓      |        |       |         |      |          | ✓    |  |
| Fri 01-Mar                 | Wollongong Wolves   | A   | 2-1 | 3556  | ✓     | ✓     |      |      |       |       | ✓    | ✓   | ✓     | ✓    | ✓    | ✓     |      |       |        |      | ✓    |      |        |       | ✓      |        |       |         |      |          | ✓    |  |
| Sun 10-Mar                 | Brisbane Strikers   | H   | 1-0 | 5234  | ✓     |       |      |      |       |       | ✓    | ✓   | ✓     | ✓    | ✓    | ✓     |      |       |        |      |      |      |        |       | ✓      |        |       |         |      |          | ✓    |  |
| Sun 17-Mar                 | South Melbourne     | A   | 0-3 | 8594  | ✓     |       |      |      |       |       | ✓    | ✓   | ✓     | ✓    | ✓    |       |      |       | ✓      | ✓    | ✓    |      |        |       | ✓      |        | ✓     |         |      |          | ✓    |  |
| Sun 24-Mar                 | Marconi Stallions   | H   | 2-2 | 5121  | ✓     | ✓     |      |      |       |       | ✓    | ✓   | ✓     | ✓    | ✓    | ✓     |      |       | ✓      | ✓    |      |      |        |       |        |        | ✓     |         |      |          | ✓    |  |
| Sat 30-Mar                 | Perth Glory         | A   | 1-2 | 11579 | ✓     | ✓     |      | ✓    |       |       | ✓    | ✓   | ✓     | ✓    | ✓    |       |      |       |        |      |      | ✓    |        |       | ✓      |        |       |         |      |          | ✓    |  |
| Sun 07-Apr                 | Kingz FC            | H   | 5-2 | 3614  | ✓     | ✓     |      | ✓    |       |       | ✓    | ✓   | ✓     |      |      | ✓     |      |       | ✓      |      | ✓    |      |        |       | ✓      |        |       |         |      |          | ✓    |  |
| Sun 14-Apr                 | Melbourne Knights   | A   | 0-0 | 3421  | ✓     | ✓     |      | ✓    |       |       | ✓    |     |       | ✓    | ✓    |       |      |       | ✓      |      |      | ✓    |        |       | ✓      |        |       |         |      |          | ✓    |  |
| Sun 21-Apr                 | Melbourne Knights   | H   | 6-2 | 6341  | ✓     | ✓     |      |      |       |       | ✓    | ✓   | ✓     | ✓    | ✓    |       |      |       |        |      |      | ✓    |        |       | ✓      |        |       |         |      |          | ✓    |  |
| Sun 28-Apr                 | South Melbourne     | -   | 2-1 | 6341  | ✓     |       |      | ✓    |       |       | ✓    | ✓   | ✓     | ✓    | ✓    |       |      |       |        |      |      | ✓    |        |       | ✓      |        |       |         |      |          | ✓    |  |
| Sun 5-May                  | Newcastle United    | -   | 1-0 | 17708 | ✓     |       |      | ✓    |       |       | ✓    | ✓   | ✓     | ✓    | ✓    | ✓     |      |       | ✓      |      |      | ✓    |        |       | ✓      |        |       |         |      |          | ✓    |  |
| Olympic Sharks Appearances |                     |     |     |       | 58    | 11    | 42   | 57   | 13    | 13    | 82   | 28  | 40    | 54   | 27   | 188   | 37   | 6     | 21     | 4    | 86   | 10   | 4      | 55    | 38     | 24     | 6     | 9       | 1    | 12       | 147  |  |
| Olympic Sharks Goals       |                     |     |     |       | 0     | 1     | 0    | 1    | 1     | 0     | 5    | 7   | 10    | 3    | 1    | 10    | 7    | 0     | 3      | 1    | 12   | 10   | 0      | 1     | 3      | 0      | 0     | 1       | 0    | 0        | 13   |  |
| NSL Appearances            |                     |     |     |       | 237   | 81    | 77   | 57   | 51    | 69    | 130  | 185 | 40    | 189  | 75   | 189   | 79   | 14    | 120    | 4    | 86   | 144  | 4      | 55    | 89     | 24     | 6     | 9       | 51   | 12       | 159  |  |
| NSL Goals                  |                     |     |     |       | 0     | 7     | 0    | 1    | 3     | 1     | 6    | 42  | 10    | 19   | 4    | 10    | 12   | 2     | 25     | 1    | 12   | 57   | 0      | 1     | 3      | 0      | 0     | 1       | 5    | 0        | 13   |  |

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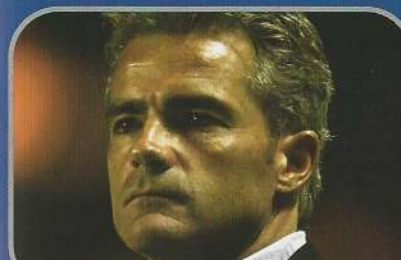
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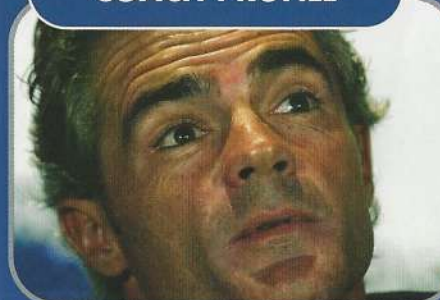
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## COACH PROFILE



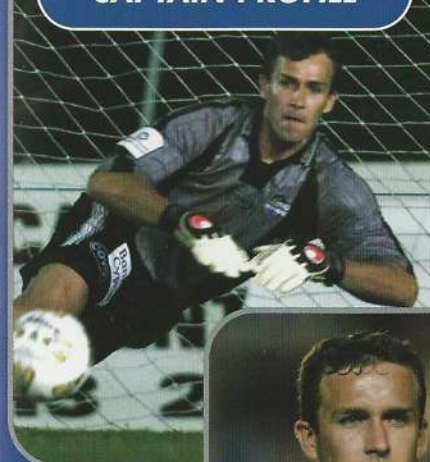
## GARY PHILLIPS

- Born 9 June 1963 in Sydney
- Played with Coffs Harbour senior team at age 15, purchased by Olympic Sharks from Coffs Harbour in 1982 for \$500
- Played 277 NSL games and scored 18 goals for Olympic Sharks from 1982 to 92/93, then 98 games / 2 goals for Brisbane Strikers from 93/94 to 96/97
- Played in three NSL grand finals – all for Olympic in 1985 (loss), 1989 (loss) and 89/90 (win); did not play in the Brisbane Strikers' 96/97 grand final victory due to injury. Became Queensland Soccer Federation Development Officer in 1993; head coach of the Queensland Academy of Sport 1998 to 2000; head coach of Tonga national team February to September 2001

### NSL Coaching statistics

| Season | Club           | P  | W-D-L    |
|--------|----------------|----|----------|
| 01/02  | Olympic Sharks | 27 | 13-05-08 |
| Total  |                | 27 | 13-05-08 |

## CAPTAIN PROFILE



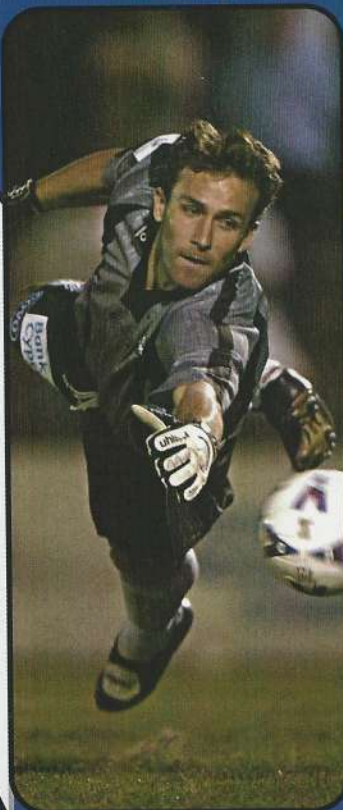
## CLINT BOLTON

- Born 22 August 1975 in Bundaberg Queensland
- Australian Institute of Sport scholarship holder 1992-93
- Secured the Brisbane Strikers' number one goalkeeping position at age 18
- Represented Australia at the 1995 Under 20 World Youth Cup championship finals in Qatar, and at the Under 23 level in the 1996 Olympic qualifying matches
- Played three matches for the Socceroos, against Paraguay (2000), Tonga and Fiji (both 2001)
- Became the sixth youngest player - and the youngest goal keeper - to play 200 NSL matches, aged 25 years 207 days in his 200th match played in March 2001

### NSL statistics

| Season      | Club              | Games | Goals |
|-------------|-------------------|-------|-------|
| 93/94-99/00 | Brisbane Strikers | 178   | 0     |
| 00/01-01/02 | Olympic Sharks    | 58    | 0     |
| Total       |                   | 236   | 0     |

# PLAYERS PROFILES



## 1 Clint Bolton

Age 26 • Goalkeeper  
01/02 games 28 • 01/02 goals 0  
Australian Institute of Sport 1992 • At  
Brisbane Strikers 1993 to 2000 •  
Socceroo, Under 23 and Under 20  
International honours • Joined  
Olympic Sharks in 2000 • Nominated  
for 2001/02 Goalkeeper of the year



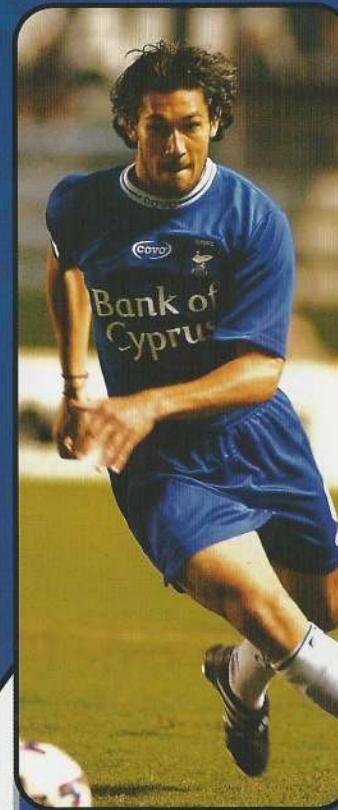
## 2 Stephen Laybutt

Age 24 • Defender  
01/02 games 11 • 01/02 goals 1  
Previously at Wollongong Wolves,  
Brisbane Strikers and Parramatta  
Power • Overseas stints at Bellmare  
(Japan), Feyenoord and Roosendaal  
(Holland) • Socceroo and Sydney  
2000 Olympic



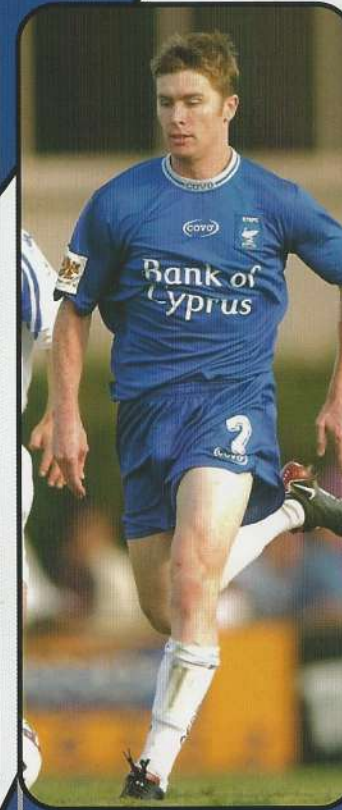
## 4 Paul Kohler

Age 22 • Defender  
01/02 games 23 • 01/02 goals 0  
Played junior football at Sutherland •  
Australian Schoolboy International  
player 1997 • Former Olympic Sharks  
youth team player • Made NSL debut  
with Olympic Sharks in January 2000  
aged 20



## 6 Wayne Srhol

Age 20 • Midfielder  
01/02 games 13 • 01/02 goals 0  
At Brisbane Strikers 1997 to 2001 •  
Australian Under 17 (including 1999  
World Youth Championships final)  
and Under 20 International •  
Australian Institute of Sport 1999 •  
First season at Olympic Sharks



## 7 Lindsay Wilson

Age 23 • Defender  
01/02 games 26 • 01/02 goals 2  
At Canberra Cosmos 1996 to 1999 •  
Represented Australia at 1999 World  
Youth Cup (Nigeria) • Joined Olympic  
Sharks in 1999 • Socceroo caps  
against Tonga and Fiji in 2002 World  
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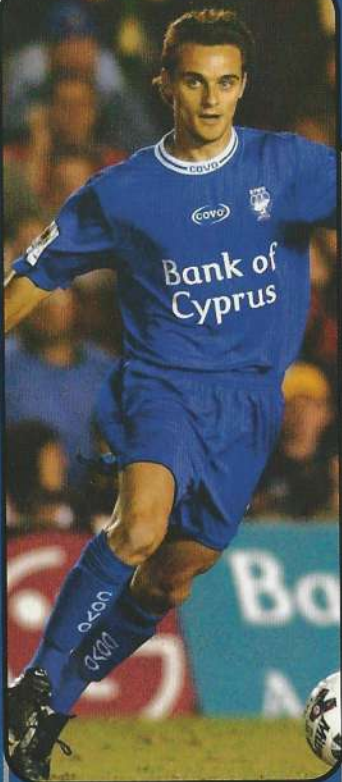
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### 8 Tom Pondeljak

Age 26 • Midfielder  
01/02 games 28 • 01/02 goals 7  
Played 97 NSL games (29 goals) for  
Melbourne Knights 1995 to 1999 •  
NSL grand final medal 1996 • 50  
games (six goals) for Sydney  
United 1999 to 2001 • First season at  
Olympic Sharks



### 9 Dylan Macallister

Age 19 • Striker  
01/02 games 20 • 01/02 goals 6  
Represented Australia at 1999 Under  
17 World Youth Championship,  
including final against Brazil • Made  
NSL debut with Olympic in 2000 aged  
17 • Australian Under 20 squad  
member



### 10 Troy Halpin

Age 28 • Midfielder  
01/02 games 27 • 01/02 goals 1  
Australian Schoolboy International  
1990 • At Newcastle Breakers 1991 to  
1994, Wollongong Wolves 1994 to  
1995, Newcastle Breakers 1995 to  
1997 and Perth Glory 1997-2000 • Six  
Socceroo caps



### 11 Jade North

Age 20 • Midfielder  
01/02 games 27 • 01/02 goals 3  
At Brisbane Strikers 1998 to 2001 •  
Australian Under 17 (including 1999  
World Youth Championships final)  
and Under 20 International •  
Australian Institute of Sport 1999 •  
First season at Olympic Sharks



### 14 Greg Owens

Age 21 • Midfielder  
01/02 games 12 • 01/02 goals 1  
Played 42 games (five goals) for  
Newcastle Breakers 1998 to 2000 •  
Played and scored for Australia at the  
2001 World Youth Cup finals  
(Argentina) • Joined Olympic Sharks  
in 2000



### 16 Jeromy Harris

Age 26 • Striker  
01/02 games 21 • 01/02 goals 4  
Played seven NSL games (one goal)  
for Marconi Stallions 1993 to 1995  
and 94 games (21 goals) for Brisbane  
Strikers 1996 to 2001 • Grand final  
winner with Brisbane Strikers in 1997

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### 19 Ante Milcic

Age 28 • Striker  
01/02 games 10 • 01/02 goals 10  
Australian Institute of Sport 1990 to 1991 • Scored three goals at 1993 World Youth Cup finals in Australia • Previously at Sydney United, NAC Breda (Holland) and Rijeka (Croatia) • Joined Olympic in 2002



### 23 Andrew Packer

Age 21 • Midfielder  
01/02 games 27 • 01/02 goals 3  
Australian Under 17 International • Played 14 games (0 goals) with Brisbane Strikers 1997 to 1999 and 38 games (0 goals) with Carlton 1999 to 2000 • Joined Olympic part-way through the 2000/01 season



### 24 Andrew Durante

Age 20 • Defender  
01/02 games 24 • 01/02 goals 0  
A product of the Olympic Sharks youth squad • Australian Schoolboy International player 1999 • Made NSL debut with Olympic Sharks in October 2001 aged 19



### 27 Hiroyuki Ishida

Age 22 • Midfielder  
01/02 games 12 • 01/02 goals 0  
Japanese import • Trained with Brazilian club Sao Paulo • Played at Japanese clubs Simizu Splues and Tokyo Verdi 1969 • Signed from Singaporean club Clementi in late 2001



### 28 Ante Juric

Age 28 • Defender  
01/02 games 21 • 01/02 goals 3  
Represented Australia at 1993 World Youth Cup • Previously at Melbourne Knights (93/94), Olympic Sharks (94/95), Castelo Branco Portugal (95/96) and Canberra Cosmos (96/97) • Rejoined Olympic in 1997



### 30 Brett Hughes

Age 33 • Goalkeeper  
01/02 games 0 • 01/02 goals 0  
Represented Australia at 1987 World Youth Cup • Played a total of 224 NSL games for Sydney City, Marconi Stallions, Leichhardt, Wollongong Wolves, Marconi Stallions and Sydney United from 1986

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## SEASON CLUB FINALS MATCHES BIGGEST FINALS MATCH

**Clint Bolton**  
 95/96 Brisbane Strikers 13 **Grand Final**  
 96/97 Brisbane Strikers 2 Elimination Final  
 00/01 Olympic Sharks 3 Grand Final (won)  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 4 Preliminary Final  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 4 Preliminary Final

**Andrew Durante**  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 4 **Preliminary Final**  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 4 Preliminary Final

**Troy Halpin**  
 98/99 Perth Glory 15 **Grand Final**  
 99/00 Perth Glory 4 Preliminary Final  
 00/01 Olympic Sharks 3 Grand Final (loss on pens)  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 4 Preliminary Final  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 4 Preliminary Final

**Jeromy Harris**  
 96/97 Brisbane Strikers 5 **Grand Final**  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 1 Grand Final (won)  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 4 Preliminary Final

**Hiroyuki Ishida**  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 2 **Preliminary Final**  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 2 Preliminary Final

**Ante Juric**  
 99/00 Olympic Sharks 11 **Preliminary Final**  
 00/01 Olympic Sharks 3 Minor Semi Final  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 4 Preliminary Final  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 4 Preliminary Final

**Paul Kohler**  
 99/00 Olympic Sharks 11 **Preliminary Final**  
 00/01 Olympic Sharks 3 Minor Semi Final  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 4 Preliminary Final  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 4 Preliminary Final

**Stephen Laybutt**  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 1 **Elimination Final**  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 1 Elimination Final

# OLYMPIC SHARKS SQUAD — FINALS HISTORY

## SEASON CLUB FINALS MATCHES BIGGEST FINALS MATCH

**Dylan Macallister**  
 00/01 Olympic Sharks 5 **Preliminary Final**  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 3 Preliminary Final  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 2 Minor Semi Final

**Ante Milicic**  
 94/95 Sydney United 14 **Grand Final**  
 95/96 Sydney United 3 Minor Semi Final  
 96/97 Sydney United 3 Minor Semi Final  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 4 Grand Final lost  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 4 Preliminary Final

**Jade North**  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 4 **Preliminary Final**  
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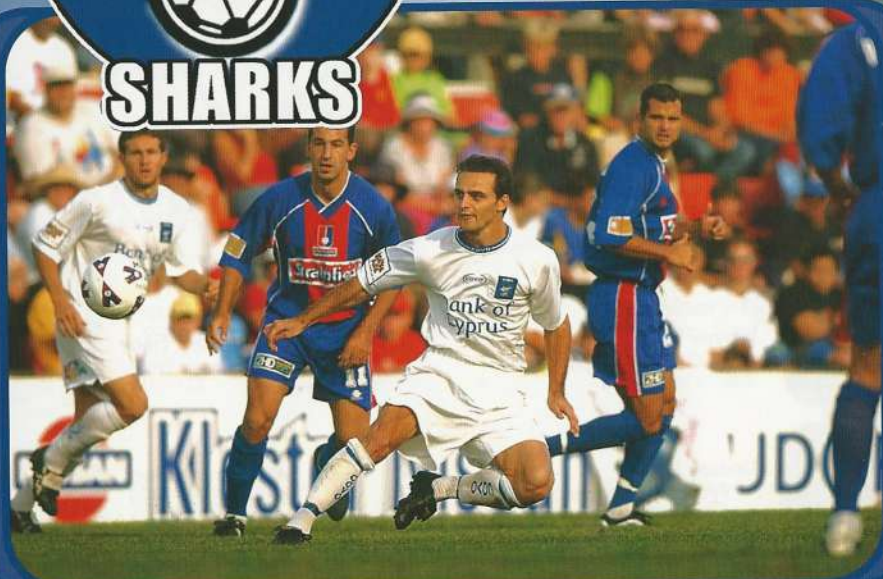
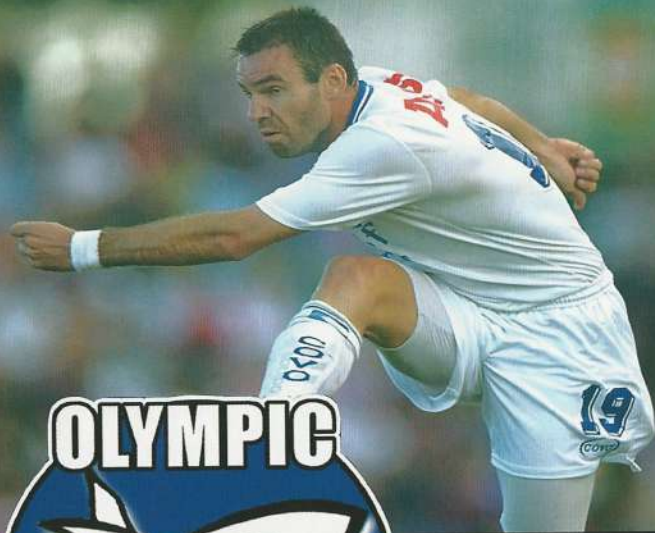
**Andrew Packer**  
 99/00 Carlton 12 **Preliminary Final**  
 00/01 Olympic Sharks 4 Preliminary Final  
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 01/02 Olympic Sharks 4 Preliminary Final

**Tom Pondeljak**  
 95/96 Melbourne Knights 9 **Grand Final**  
 96/97 Melbourne Knights 3 Grand Final won  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 2 Elimination Final  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 4 Preliminary Final

**Wayne Srhoj**  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 2 **Preliminary Final**  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 2 Preliminary Final

**Lindsay Wilson**  
 99/00 Olympic Sharks 7 **Preliminary Final**  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 3 Minor Semi Final  
 01/02 Olympic Sharks 4 Preliminary Final

# THE ROAD



# TO THE FINALS





## OLYMPIC IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

In 1958, the Pan-Hellenic soccer club was born and by 1963 had entered the ranks of the New South Wales first division. In these pre-national league years, Pan-Hellenic made the grand final of the NSW first division once - in 1968 - losing 2-4 to Sydney City.

Coinciding with a name change to 'Sydney Olympic', the club became a foundation member of the National Soccer League when it kicked off in 1977. The club had a fairly slow beginning to the national league, not finishing in the top half of the league until 1982. In fact, in finishing second last in 1979, Olympic was relegated to the 1980 NSW state league, only to return to the national competition the year after. They have been there ever since.

In 1984 Olympic won three consecutive finals series games to meet South Melbourne in the grand final, and despite a 4-2 loss over two legs, a golden era beckoned for a club that had promised so much in the past. The club lost another two-legged grand final in 1986, losing 3-2 on aggregate after being 1-0 up after the first leg in Adelaide. Tragedy struck again for the Olympic faithful when the 1989 grand final against Marconi was lost (0-1) with barely one minute of regulation time remaining.

Olympic again won three finals games in

succession to make a grand final, this time in 1989/90. But this time Olympic's moment of glory arrived. Buoyed by the majority of a 26,352-strong audience at Parramatta Stadium, Olympic resoundingly beat Marconi in the 1989/90 grand final 2-0.

The 'sleeping giant' cliché is an adage that truly describes the Olympic Sharks. A relatively bare trophy cabinet does not justify such a strong and loyal support for the club, a supporter base which has been enriched following the club's move to Sydney's Sutherland Shire in 2001. After a drought of on-field success throughout the 1990s Olympic have revitalised both on and off the park lately and are in a prime position to secure NSL championship glory again very soon.



### SYDNEY OLYMPIC - CLUB RECORDS

Champions: 1 - 89/90  
Runners-up: 3 - 1984 1986 1989  
Finalists: 12 - 1984 1985 1986 1988 1989 89/90 91/92 93/94 95/96 99/00 00/01 01/02  
Cup Winner: 2 - 1983 1985

#### CLUB RECORDS

Best result: W6-0 v South Melbourne (Belmore Sports Ground) 23.01.00  
Worst result: L1-8 v Canberra Cosmos (Seiffert Oval) 05.01.98  
Most goals scored: 7 (W7-3) v Canberra Cosmos (Belmore Sports Ground) 06.02.00  
Most goals conceded: 8 (L1-8) v Canberra Cosmos (Seiffert Oval) 05.01.98  
Most games played: 296 - Gary Meier 1977-92/93  
Most goals scored - career: 56 - Pablo Cardozo 92/93-00/01  
Most goals scored - season: 21 - Pablo Cardozo 99/00  
Most goals scored - match: 4 - Ante Milicic (WS-2) v Football Kingz 07.04.02  
Most games played - goalkeeper: 296 - Gary Meier 1977-92/93  
Most games coached: 96 - Branko Culina 98/99-00/01



| Season | Ladder position | No. teams | Games W-D-L | Goals F-A | Top scorer (goals)         | Coach                              |
|--------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1977   | 12th            | 14        | 07-07-12    | 25-38     | Ray Botham, Bill Pirie (6) | Bruce Stowell, Kaz Kulak           |
| 1978   | 8th             | 14        | 09-07-10    | 35-43     | Alan Ainslie (7)           | T. Anderson, G. Gibson, J. Marston |
| 1979   | 13th            | 14        | 07-05-14    | 23-30     | Clive Eaton (7)            | Joe Marston, John Xipolitis        |
| 1981   | 9th             | 16        | 11-09-10    | 46-46     | Mark Koussas (11)          | Tom Docherty, Doug Collins         |
| 1982   | 8th             | 16        | 12-06-12    | 52-42     | Mark Koussas (16)          | Doug Collins, Lubo Gokovic         |
| 1983   | 7th             | 16        | 12-05-13    | 38-36     | Marshall Soper (15)        | Tom Docherty, Manfred Schaefer     |
| 1984   | 2nd             | 12x2      | 16-08-04    | 61-27     | Peter Katholos (14)        | Manfred Schaefer                   |
| 1985   | 4th             | 12x2      | 12-03-07    | 29-25     | Marshall Soper (7)         | Manfred Schaefer                   |
| 1986   | 2nd             | 12x2      | 09-09-04    | 33-22     | Marshall Soper (10)        | Manfred Schaefer                   |
| 1987   | 7th             | 13        | 07-09-08    | 29-32     | John Kosmina (7)           | David Ratcliffe, Eddie Thomson     |
| 1988   | 5th             | 14        | 09-09-08    | 28-22     | John Kosmina (7)           | Eddie Thomson                      |
| 1989   | 3rd             | 14        | 11-09-06    | 37-26     | Abbas Saad (8)             | Eddie Thomson                      |
| 89/90  | 5th             | 14        | 12-07-07    | 40-25     | Abbas Saad (13)            | Eddie Thomson, Mick Hickman        |
| 90/91  | 6th             | 14        | 08-13-05    | 31-25     | Abbas Saad (8)             | Mick Hickman                       |
| 91/92  | 2nd             | 14        | 12-10-04    | 38-27     | Tim Bredbury (15)          | Mick Hickman                       |
| 92/93  | 9th             | 14        | 10-04-12    | 36-31     | David Seal (12)            | Peter Raskopoulos, Berti Mariani   |
| 93/94  | 6th             | 14        | 11-08-07    | 40-37     | Ivan Kelic (15)            | Berti Mariani, Tom Sermanni        |
| 94/95  | 9th             | 13        | 08-04-12    | 27-34     | Norman Tome (8)            | Geoff Harcombe, Vince Estavillo    |
| 95/96  | 3rd             | 12        | 17-08-08    | 55-41     | Kris Trajanovski (19)      | David Ratcliffe                    |
| 96/97  | 9th             | 14        | 08-08-10    | 41-46     | Norman Tome (12)           | David Ratcliffe, David Mitchell    |
| 97/98  | 9th             | 14        | 10-05-11    | 37-43     | Norman Tome (14)           | Geoff Harcombe, John Sentas        |
| 98/99  | 7th             | 15        | 12-07-09    | 46-36     | Pablo Cardozo (18)         | Branko Culina                      |
| 99/00  | 5th             | 16        | 16-07-11    | 56-40     | Pablo Cardozo (21)         | Branko Culina                      |
| 00/01  | 4th             | 15        | 17-06-07    | 58-37     | Pablo Cardozo (14)         | Branko Culina                      |
| 01/02  | 3rd             | 13        | 12-04-08    | 37-24     | Ante Milicic (9)           | Gary Phillips                      |

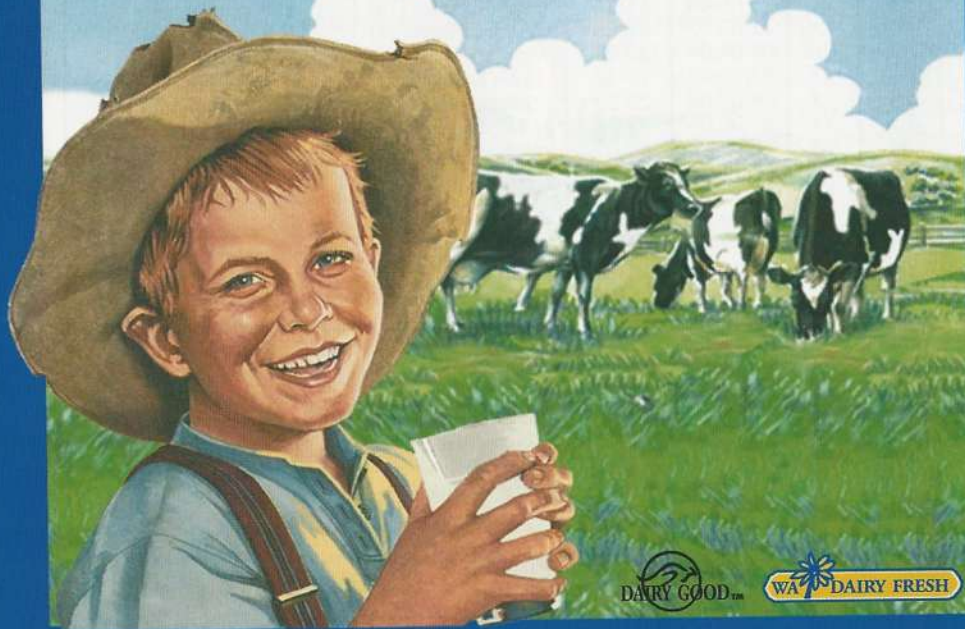
### FINALS RECORD

#### SEASON SUMMARY

1984 Won qualifying final - lost major semi final - won preliminary final - won grand final (northern conference) - lost national grand final (2 legs)  
1985 Won elimination final - lost minor semi final (northern conference)  
1986 Lost qualifying final - won minor semi final - won preliminary final - won grand final (northern conference) - lost national grand final (2 legs)  
1988 Lost elimination final  
1989 Lost qualifying final - won minor semi final - won preliminary final - lost grand final  
89/90 Won elimination final - won minor semi final - won preliminary final - won grand final  
91/92 Last qualifying final - lost minor semi final  
93/94 Last elimination final (2 legs)  
95/96 Last elimination final (2 legs)  
99/00 Won elimination final (2 legs) - lost minor semi final  
00/01 Won elimination final (2 legs) - won minor semi final - lost preliminary final  
01/02 Won elimination final (2 legs) - won minor semi final - preliminary final



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## GRAND FINAL MATCH OFFICIALS

### Mark Shield - Referee



Hailing from Rockhampton in central Queensland, Mark Shield will cap an outstanding season by refereeing his first NSL Grand Final. Prior to this season Mark refereed a semi-final match at the FIFA U/20 World Championships in Argentina and things have just flourished for Mark, the defining moment being selected as a referee at the 2002 World Cup in Korea. He has also been nominated for Referee of the Year, his fourth successive nomination. A FIFA referee since 1999, other career highlights include a quarterfinal appointment at the UEFA U/16's championship, East Asian Games, FIFA U/17's World Cup and the Australia v Manchester United match at the MCG.

### Ben Williams - Assistant Referee



In only his 3rd year on the NSL panel Ben has had an absolutely remarkable season and has been duly rewarded by being selected for the Grand Final. Only recently turned 25, Ben has displayed a maturity and determination that belies his age, Ben is nominated for NSL Assistant Referee of the Year. Ben also refereed his first NSL match this year and is one of the brightest prospects within the refereeing ranks.

### Stewart Lockrey - Assistant Referee



Having not officiated in the NSL Final Series for a number of years Stewart has performed to an exceptional standard this season to gain his selection. Gaining his FIFA badge in 1994 this will be Stewart's 3rd NSL Grand Final. Stewart has also been nominated for Assistant Referee of the Year. This is his 14th season on the NSL panel making him one of the most experienced officials in the country. Highlights include officiating at numerous Oceania World Cup Qualifying tournaments.

### Eddie Lennie - 4th Official



Eddie has backed up a Grand Final appointment last year by displaying the same high standard this year. An adopted native of Perth, Eddie has twice been recipient of the NSL Referee of the Year award and is again nominated this year. He is also a FIFA Referee having officiated at France 98 World Cup and both the mens and womens football competitions at the Atlanta Olympics. Eddie has also refereed in an AFC World Cup qualifier in an already illustrious career.

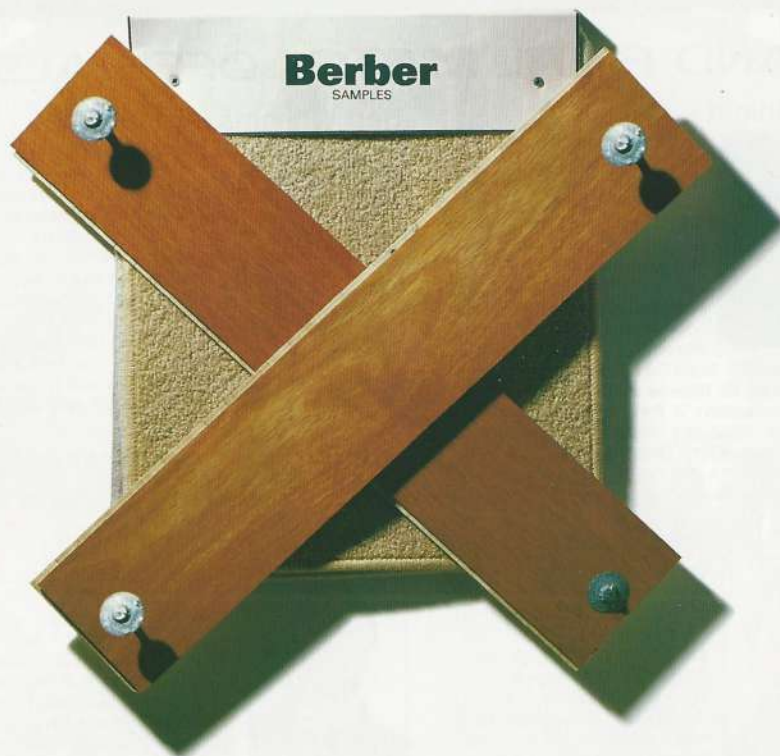
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Looking beyond the domestic season, we are rapidly approaching the World Cup Finals, the sporting event watched by more spectators when conducted every four years, than any other event in the world, including the Olympic Games. The French are defending their title won on home soil in 1998, and are currently narrow favourites at \$4.50 to take the 'Cup of Life' once again. Next in the market are Argentina at \$5.25, Italy at \$6, Brazil at \$6.50, and England and Spain at \$9.00.

In the NSL meanwhile, the majority of betting interest centres on matches involving Perth Glory. In round 15 this season, Glory fans enjoyed such a profitable evening that the TAB at Perth Oval ran out of money, resulting in a few customers having to visit other TAB agencies to collect their winnings!

The main reason for the windfall was a series of bets on defender Jamie Harnwell to be the player to score the opening goal of the game against Wollongong, at odds of \$41. When Harnwell placed a sweetly timed header in the net following a well-taken corner, the cheers emanating from the TAB area seemed just a little louder than those coming from elsewhere around the arena.

Games involving the Olympic Sharks have also created significant interest this season, due to the attacking brand of soccer the Sharks play, which generally sees games end in a winning result, rather than a draw.

Betting to win the NSL Championship has been open since the season commenced, and as you'd expect, Perth Glory have been the favourite every step of the way. Glory opened at \$3.25 and have steadily shortened through what has been a remarkable home and away campaign. The largest single bet wagered on the Glory to win the Championship, was a bet of \$8,000 at odds of \$1.75 for a return of \$14,000.

The Sharks at one point got out to the generous odds of \$21 to win the Championship, with the largest bet at that price being a wager of \$500 to win \$10,000 if the travelling side can take the spoils today.

In Grand Final betting, the Glory are \$1.30 to win, with the Sharks at \$3.20. In 'result after 90 minutes play' betting, the Glory are at \$1.50 to win in normal time, with the draw at \$3.75 and Olympic at \$5.25.

Alternatively, if you like to chase the bigger returns, 'Exact Score' and 'First Goalscorer' betting offer terrific value. Damian Mori heads the market to be the first player to find the net today.

There is a TAB Sportsbet facility on-site for the game, located on the northern side of the ground, on the first level of the two-tier stand, up from Gate 26.



## NATIONAL LEAGUE CROWDS STILL RISING

For the third consecutive season, average crowds at National Soccer League matches have increased.

The 2001/02 regular season average figure of 5168 was a 1.2 per cent increase over the 2000/01 average. The 2000/01 average (5108) itself a 1.2 per cent increase on the 1999/2000 average (5049).

The 2001/02 average crowd ranks as the third highest in NSL history and is more than double the average of 1989 - the last season of a winter national competition when the average crowd stood at a mere 2296.

### TOP FIVE AVERAGE NSL CROWDS 1977 TO 2001/02

| Regular season | Average |
|----------------|---------|
| 1998/99        | 5622    |
| 1996/97        | 5481    |
| 2001/02        | 5168    |
| 2000/01        | 5108    |
| 1999/00        | 5049    |

Crowds at the 2001/02 finals campaign are also set for record levels. After last weekend's Preliminary Final the total current finals series audience reached 96,627. A Grand Final crowd today in excess of 40,000 will push the 2001/02 aggregate finals series attendance to a new record - well above the previous record of 130,850 set in the 1998/99 series.

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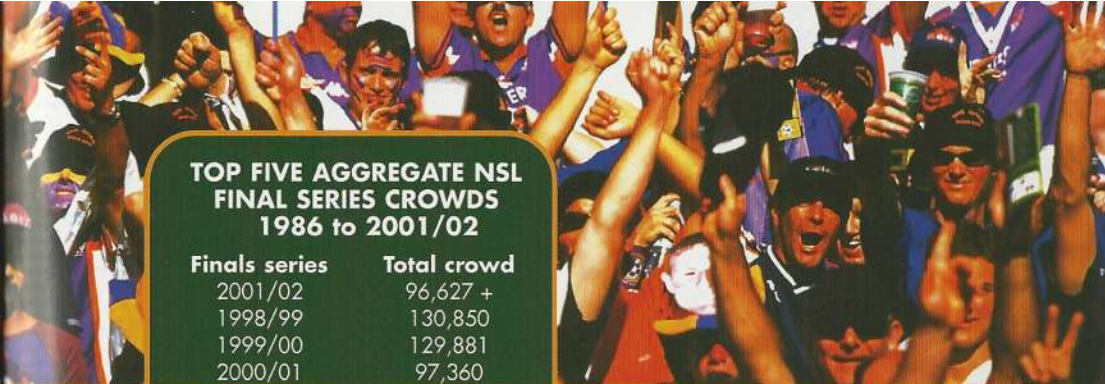


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### TOP FIVE AGGREGATE NSL FINAL SERIES CROWDS 1986 to 2001/02

| Finals series | Total crowd |
|---------------|-------------|
| 2001/02       | 96,627 +    |
| 1998/99       | 130,850     |
| 1999/00       | 129,881     |
| 2000/01       | 97,360      |

In an era of challenging conditions and a more crowded Australian sporting market it is reassuring to note the long term increase in NSL attendances. Since its inception in 1977 the national league never attracted an average more than 5000 spectators in a season. Yet since 1996/97 this figure has been reached in five seasons.

Between 1991/92 and 2001/02, regular season NSL crowds increased from 3415 to 5168 per game - an increase of 51.3 per cent. It is the biggest crowd increase of any national football competition in the country. Between 1991 and 2001 the AFL's regular season crowd increased by 45.6 per cent, while over the same period the country's major Rugby League competition - now known as the NRL - increased by a more modest 9.3 per cent.

What makes soccer's crowd increase especially remarkable is that over the past ten years over 100 players - equivalent to ten soccer teams - have left our shores and are playing overseas, with a much smaller number returning home so far.

While improved facilities and a wider geographic coverage have helped to improve the acceptance and accessibility of the NSL over time, the paradox of increased player drain and increased interest in the national league reflects two major on-field positives. The player outflow is proof that the national league continues to produce great talent that is increasingly recognised world-wide, while higher patronage to NSL games shows that exciting and quality replacement Australian players well worth watching, are in abundance.

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## NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE FINALS

### The early days

From the commencement of the national league in 1977, until 1983, the National Soccer League champions were determined by the team which finished the regular season at the top of the ladder - the so-called first-past-the-post system. This system also applied in 1987.

In 1978, 1979, 1980, 1982 and 1987 the top four or five placed teams competed in a post-season play-off series (see table). But these were separate competitions, and consequently were not given much importance or prestige. Without the incentive of championship glory, and combined with the 'hangover effect' for the team which had already won the championship by finishing first on the ladder, these post-season play-offs were of little significance.

| Year | Result                                                                               | Venue                                          | Attendance     |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1977 | (not played)                                                                         |                                                |                |
| 1978 | Sydney City 4 - Marconi Stallions 2                                                  | Sydney Sports Ground                           | 9,136          |
| 1979 | 1st leg: Sydney City 1 - Brisbane City 0<br>2nd leg: Brisbane City 1 - Sydney City 1 | Wentworth Park, Sydney<br>Perry Park, Brisbane | 2,532<br>4,200 |
| 1980 | Heidelberg 4 - Sydney City 0                                                         | Bruce Stadium, Canberra                        | 11,126         |
| 1981 | (not played)                                                                         |                                                |                |
| 1982 | St George 3 - Sydney City 1                                                          | Penrith Park, Sydney                           | 6,145          |
| 1983 | (not played)                                                                         |                                                |                |
| 1987 | St George 4 - Leichhardt 0                                                           | Parramatta Stadium, Sydney                     | 6,961          |

### A new era - the Aussie way

With a restructure of the national league in 1984 came the adoption of the 'real' finals system. From the 1984 season onwards, the winner of the finals series were considered the champions - in line with the other major Australian sporting leagues. And from its onset, national league crowds and media coverage increased substantially.

Note that in 1984, 1985 and 1986, the national league was split into two conferences, based on a north-south geographic split of teams. The Grand Final winners of these two conferences then played off - over two legs - for the national championship.

From 1984 to 1991/92 the traditional top five finals system applied. Since 1992/93 the current top six system has been in place.

Up until last Sunday's preliminary final, a total of 429 goals - excluding goals scored in penalty shoot-outs - had been scored in 161 finals matches.



## Where it really matters - Grand Final day NSL GRAND FINALS

| Season       | Score*                                                | Venue              | Attendance |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 1984 1st leg | South Melbourne 2 - Olympic Sharks 1                  | Olympic Park       | 10000      |
| 2nd leg      | Olympic Sharks 1 - South Melbourne 2                  | St George Stadium  | 11221      |
|              | South Melbourne 4-2 on aggregate                      |                    |            |
| 1985 1st leg | Sydney City 0 - Brunswick 1                           | St George Stadium  | 2491       |
| 2nd leg      | Brunswick 1 - Sydney City 0                           | Olympic Park       | 7560       |
|              | Brunswick 2-0 on aggregate                            |                    |            |
| 1986 1st leg | Adelaide City 0 - Olympic Sharks 1                    | Hindmarsh Stadium  | 12232      |
| 2nd leg      | Olympic Sharks 1 - Adelaide City 3                    | Parramatta Stadium | 14032      |
|              | Adelaide City 3-2 on aggregate                        |                    |            |
| 1988         | Sydney United 2 (4pen) - Marconi Stallions 2 (5pen)   | Parramatta Stadium | 17064      |
| 1989         | Marconi Stallions 1 - Olympic Sharks 0                | Parramatta Stadium | 23387      |
| 1989/90      | Marconi Stallions 0 - Olympic Sharks 2                | Parramatta Stadium | 26352      |
| 1990/91      | Melbourne Knights 1 (4pen) - South Melbourne 1 (5pen) | Olympic Park       | 23318      |
| 1991/92      | Melbourne Knights 0 (2pen) - Adelaide City 0 (4pen)   | Olympic Park       | 15463      |
| 1992/93      | Marconi Stallions 1 - Adelaide City 0                 | Parramatta Stadium | 13376      |
| 1993/94      | Melbourne Knights 0 - Adelaide City 1                 | Olympic Park       | 13970      |
| 1994/95      | Adelaide City 0 - Melbourne Knights 2                 | Hindmarsh Stadium  | 15573      |
| 1995/96      | Melbourne Knights 2 - Marconi Stallions 1             | Olympic Park       | 14258      |
| 1996/97      | Brisbane Strikers 2 - Sydney United 0                 | Suncorp Stadium    | 40446      |
| 1997/98      | South Melbourne 2 - Carlton 1                         | Olympic Park       | 15706      |
| 1998/99      | South Melbourne 3 - Sydney United 2                   | Olympic Park       | 15194      |
| 1999/00      | Perth Glory 3 (6pen) - Wollongong Wolves 3 (7pen)     | Subiaco Oval       | 43242      |
| 2000/01      | Wollongong Wolves 2 - South Melbourne 1               | Parramatta Stadium | 13402      |

\* team listed first denotes home team or team first admitted to Grand Final

**Marston Medal** - awarded since the 1989/90 Grand Final to the player of the match: 1989/90 Abbas Saad (Olympic Sharks); 1990/91 Josip Biskic (Melbourne Knights); 1991/92 Alex Tobin (Adelaide City); 1992/93 Milan Ivanovic (Adelaide City); 1993/94 Alex Tobin (Adelaide City); 1994/95 Steve Horvat (Melbourne Knights); 1995/96 Andrew Marth (Melbourne Knights); 1996/97 Alan Hunter (Brisbane Strikers); 1997/98 Fausto De Amicis (South Melbourne); 1998/99 Goran Lozanovski (South Melbourne); 1999/00 Scott Chipperfield (Wollongong Wolves); 2000/01 Matthew Horsley (Wollongong Wolves),



## Grand Final Stat Facts

### Grand Final victories - clubs

4 - South Melbourne; 3 - Adelaide City, Marconi Stallions; 2 - Melbourne Knights, Wollongong Wolves; 1 - Brisbane Strikers, Brunswick, Olympic Sharks.

### Appearances in Grand Finals - clubs

5 - Adelaide City, Marconi Stallions, Melbourne Knights, South Melbourne; 4 - Olympic Sharks; 3 - Sydney United; 2 - Wollongong Wolves; 1 - Brisbane Strikers, Carlton, Brunswick, Perth Glory, Sydney City.

### Grand Final goals - clubs

11 - South Melbourne; 6 - Olympic Sharks; 5 - Marconi Stallions, Melbourne Knights, Wollongong Wolves; 4 - Adelaide City, Sydney United; 3 - Perth Glory; 2 - Brisbane Strikers, Brunswick.

### Most Grand Final victories - player

4 - David Cervinski (Melbourne Knights 2, Wollongong Wolves 2), Fausto De Amicis (Melbourne Knights 2, South Melbourne 2).

### Most Grand Finals appearances - player

6 - David Cervinski (Melbourne Knights 3, Carlton 1, Wollongong Wolves 2), Fausto De Amicis (Melbourne Knights 3, South Melbourne 3).

### Most Grand Final goals - player

4 - John Anastasiadis (South Melbourne 4).

### Most goals in a Grand Final match - player

2 - Charlie Egan (for South Melbourne against Olympic Sharks 1984 first leg), John Anastasiadis (for South Melbourne against Sydney United 1998/98).

### Youngest Grand Final player

Jason Culina of Sydney United who was 16 years 293 days old when his team lost 0-2 to Brisbane Strikers in the 1996/97 Grand Final.

### Oldest Grand Final player

Bugsy Nyskohus of Adelaide City who was 36 years 123 days old when his team defeated Olympic Sharks 3-1 in the second leg of the 1986 Grand Final.



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### Youngest Grand Final goal scorer

Ljubo Milicevic of Perth Glory who was 19 years 119 days old when he scored in his team's loss on penalties to Wollongong Wolves in the 1999/2000 Grand Final.

### Oldest Grand Final goal scorer

Rod Brown of Brisbane Strikers who was 33 years 118 days old when he scored in his team's 2-0 win over Sydney United in the 1996/97 Grand Final.

### Quickest Grand Final goal

Mark Koussas, who scored for the Olympic Sharks in the 5th minute of the first leg 1984 Grand Final against South Melbourne.

### Youngest Grand Final team

The average age of the Olympic Sharks team who lost 1-2 to South Melbourne in the 1984 Grand Final first leg was 22.9 years.

### Oldest Grand Final team

The average age of the South Melbourne team who lost 1-2 to the Wollongong Wolves in the 2000/01 Grand Final was 28.0 years.

### Grand Final red cards

Murray Barnes (Sydney City 1985 first leg), Marshall Soper (Olympic Sharks 1986 second leg), Ivan Petkovic (Sydney United 1988), Gerry Gomez (Marconi Stallions 1988), Matteo Colucci (Marconi Stallions 1989).

### Most Grand Final victories - coach

3 - Zoran Matic (Adelaide City 3).

### Grand Final venues

8 matches - Olympic Park (Melbourne); 6 - Parramatta Stadium (Sydney); 2 - Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide), St George Stadium (Sydney); 1 - Subiaco Oval, Suncorp Metway Stadium (Brisbane).

### Most Grand Finals officiated by a referee

4 - Chris Bambridge (1984 second leg, 1986 first leg, 1988, 1990/91), Eddie Lennie (1994/95, 1995/96, 1999/00, 2000/01).

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## GRAND FINAL TRIVIA

**A HALF-CENTURY OF GOALS** Forty-eight goals have been scored in NSL Grand Finals up until today, meaning the second goal if scored today will be the fiftieth goal of all Grand Finals. Of these 48 Grand Final goals, 19 have been scored in the first half, 27 in the second half, and two in extra time.

**FIRST SCORERS** Of the 16 teams who scored first in previous Grand Finals, 11 went on to win the match, three lost, and two went to a penalty shoot-out

**HALF TIME LEADS** Of the 11 half-time leaders in previous Grand Finals, seven teams went on to win, just one lost, and three went to a penalty shoot-out

**PLAYER TALLY** 265 different players have played and 39 different players have scored in NSL Grand Finals until today.

**A GRAND FAREWELL** Eighteen players played their last NSL game in a Grand Final: John Anastasiadis, Simon Colosimo, Robert Csoboth, Bill Damianos, Ivan Ergic, Vas Kalogeracos, Goran Lozanovski, Sergio Melta, Saso Petrovski, Mark Robertson, Martyn Rogers, Aurelio Schwartz, Zeljko Susa, Vlado Vanis, Tony Vidmar, Mark Viduka, Danny Wright and David Zdrilic. Two players scored their last NSL goal in a Grand Final: John Anastasiadis (South Melbourne 00/01) and Saso Petrovski (Wollongong Wolves 00/01). Not all of these players have retired from playing altogether.

**A QUICKIE** The shortest Grand Final career was two minutes by Ufuk Talay who came on in the 94th minute for Marconi Stallions against Adelaide City in the 1992/93 Grand Final.

**BROTHERLY LOVE... AND HATE** Brothers have appeared on the same Grand Final team on four occasions: Adrian and David Cervinski played together in the 1993/94, 1995/96 and 1997/98 Grand Finals, while Troy and Sean Cranney played on the same team in the 1996/97 Grand Final. Brothers have opposed each other in NSL Grand Finals twice: John and Dean Anastasiadis confronted each other in the 1997/98 and 2000/01 Grand Finals.

**MOTHERLY LOVE** Today's match is the first NSL Grand Final to be held on Mother's Day. Two previous Grand Finals - in 1985 (second leg) and 1988 - were played on Father's Day.



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## NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE



### POWER CROWNED NYL CHAMPIONS

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After scores were locked at 0-0 at the break, the Power scored twice in the second half through Peter Gavaghan and Adam Kwasnik to secure the title for the first time.

In the end the scoreline flattered the visiting Knights team, although they could be excused as they have been inactive for several weeks, due to the Southern competition finishing earlier than the Northern Division.

Parramatta dominated the proceedings from the start continually piling the pressure on the Knights defence, who to their credit held firm to the break. The Knights also had their chances in the first with some quick counter-attacks.

At half-time, Power coach Trevor Morgan introduced Peter Gavaghan into the fray and it paid immediate dividends, with the opening goal in the 47th minute.

From then on it was all one-way traffic, as the Power piled on the pressure and were rewarded with a second goal to promising striker Adam Kwasnik in the 72nd minute.

It was the first time Parramatta has won the National title after going close two years ago when beaten by Carlton

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## the year that was

So just how good is Perth Glory? Are they the greatest team ever in the history of the National Soccer League? All will be revealed today when Perth takes on the Olympic Sharks in what promises to be another classic grand final in front of an adoring Perth crowd.

It has been an extra-ordinary season with record after record being broken, crowds continued to rise (record top-six series crowds expected and the 3rd highest average crowd during the regular season), a number of player and coaching milestones, the unearthing of new (mostly young) player talent and a number of teams exceeding all expectations... all this whilst we keep losing players overseas.

The off-season also saw the departure of a number of NSL stars including dual Warren Medal winner Scott Chipperfield, Simon Colosimo, Saso Petrovski and Archie Thompson to the overseas ranks, although this was compensated by the return of experienced players like Jason Kearton, Ante

Milicic, Andrew McDermott and Matthew Kemp plus the recruitment of well-credentialled imports such as Julian Watts and Wayne O'Sullivan.

This season has seen an enhanced commitment to the League by our broadcasting partner, The Seven Network. In an unprecedented move, Channel 7 has shown the three major finals live, shown a full replay each week of the main Friday night fixture and a comprehensive 1-hour highlights program (Australian Soccer) on Sunday morning throughout the season. This not only confirms The Seven Network's commitment to the code, but also provides further optimism that the partnership will grow in the years to come, with 7 at the forefront of assisting the code to develop in this country.

As far as the pundits were concerned Perth Glory was the overwhelming favourite, with Olympic Sharks and Parramatta Power as their most likely challengers. After that, the choices varied considerably as to who would make up the top six,



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although the general consensus was that Brisbane would be one of the stragglers because of their turbulent off-season. How wrong they were on that count.

Perth was to prove the pundits right as they raced away with the Premiership, winning by a record 13 points. Key signing, Matt Horsley proved an inspiration for his new teammates, while the feared striking duo of Damian Mori and Bobby Despotovski again rattled home the goals with able support from Brad Maloney.

Probably the big difference from the last couple of years was in defence, as coach Mich d'Avray, worked hard on and succeeded in making his team one of the hardest to score against.

The battle for second was hotly contested with surprise packets Newcastle United, doing enough to beat Olympic Sharks, and the biggest surprise of the season Brisbane Strikers.

The signs were good early for the new-look Newcastle team, as rookie coach Ian Crook had his team playing to their strengths and going unbeaten for the whole of the first half of the season, although half of these matches were draws. After a couple of losses, Newcastle was able to steady the ship and it was their consistency that enabled them to stay ahead of Olympic and Brisbane in the run-in that saw them grab second – the first time a Newcastle team has made the finals.

Olympic and Brisbane provided some of the best football seen in the competition for years. Olympic was considered the team most likely to challenge Perth for the title and while they played some sparkling football at times, they lacked the killer instinct in front of goals, until the arrival of leading striker Ante Milicic from Sydney United for a joint record transfer fee of around \$110,000. His ten goals since arriving at Toyota Park has further highlighted his importance to the team.



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Wayne O'Sullivan steady in midfield

Last weekend, Olympic recorded a very courageous victory over Newcastle, to get through to the grand final, their first since the inaugural season of summer soccer back in 1989/90. If matched up at full strength with Perth, they would prove tough to beat.

Brisbane defied everyone all season and was a top-two contender up until the last few weeks of the season. Coach John Kosmina with limited resources and probably the smallest squad in the league, believed attack was the best form of defence and so it proved. Brazilian Fernando Rech was superb and is many people's tip for Player of the Year, while Kearton, Paul Foster and captain Stuart McLaren all led by example. The task now is to keep the squad together and build on it and Brisbane may once again have an NSL Championship contender.

Making up the top six was Melbourne's two teams, South Melbourne and the Melbourne Knights.

South's achievement to get to the finals was remarkable, as they were sitting equal last at the half way mark of the season. The arrival of Con Boutsianis and the return from injury of Paul Trimboli and Vaughan Coveny proved the catalyst, as suddenly South had a route to goal and the goals started to flow, culminating in finishing 5th place and for many to say they would be Perth's biggest threat in the finals, which alas for South didn't materialise.

The Knights repeated last year's semi final efforts by finishing sixth, although getting past Olympic in the first round of finals proved a hurdle too far. Andrew Marth did an outstanding job as player and coach and may do the same next season. Joel Porter was again superb for the Knights, which has seen him nominated for this season's Player of the Year Award. However the Knights biggest problem all season was their defence and it ultimately proved to be their downfall against Olympic.



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SEASON REVIEW



**Midfield Man...**  
Scott Thomas looks for the opening



**Top Defender**  
Ang Contanzo keeps the enemy at bay



**Goal Ace...**  
Stuart Young scores again



Looking at the teams that missed out on the finals, three teams spring instantly to mind as the big disappointments – Parramatta Power (7th), Northern Spirit (8th) and defending NSL Champions Wollongong Wolves (10th). In the Wolves case, it perhaps is more understandable considering the loss of so many key players from their successive NSL Championship wins, but coach Ron Corry had brought in several experienced players plus youngsters like Naum Sekulovski to fill the gap. The Wolves were expected to at least put in a strong challenge, but that never eventuated.

As for Parramatta and Spirit, speculation surrounds why these two teams, with strong squads, continually fail to make the play-offs. On their day they proved they could match it with the best, but this occurred all too infrequently. Both teams ultimately paid the price for their inconsistency during the campaign by just missing out.

Marconi, with Lee Sterrey at the helm, surprised many at the start of the season with some good performances, but they faded in the latter stages to finish out of the finals race. The highlight was Royce Brownlie's achievement of scoring eight consecutive goals for Marconi, an NSL record.

For Sydney United, Adelaide City and the Kingz it was a season of struggle and they never looked a serious threat to the top teams. Both Adelaide and the Kingz saw the loss of their coaches – Zoran Matic and Micky Petersen respectively, while in the Kingz case, two of their big off-season recruits – Con Boutsianis and Vas Kalogeracos never kicked a ball for them after walking out prior to the season.

Today will provide the National Soccer League with another showcase event, with two teams, with two very different histories that will show the Australian public all that is good about the game in this country.



**Another Strike**  
Commins Menapi jubilant scorer



**Full Stride**  
Aurelio Vidmar sets the pace



**In Play**  
Paul Urlovic in full control



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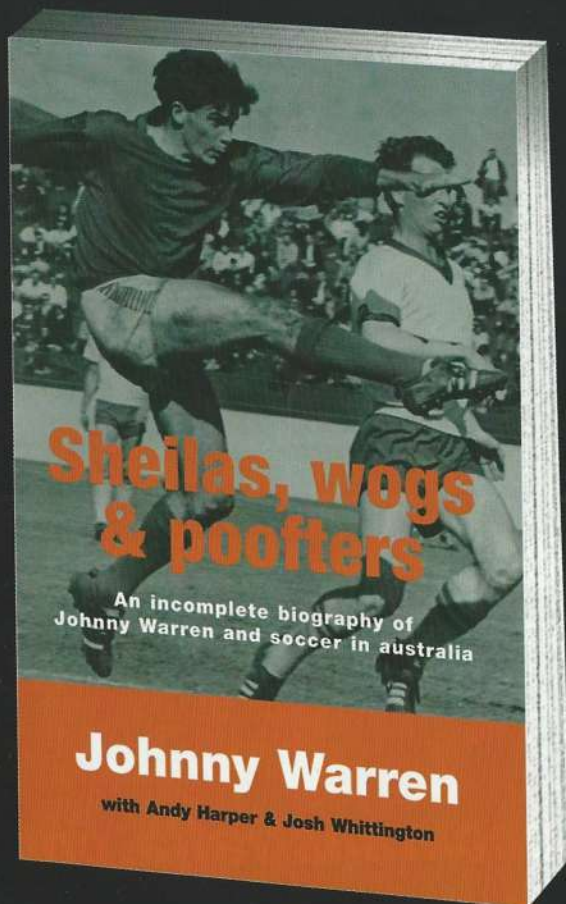
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## NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE AWARDS

### NOMINEES

#### NSL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

##### WARREN MEDAL

Fernando Rech (Brisbane Strikers)  
Damian Mori (Perth Glory)  
Bobby Despotovski (Perth Glory)  
Troy Halpin (Olympic Sharks)  
Joel Porter (Melbourne Knights)



#### UNDER 21 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

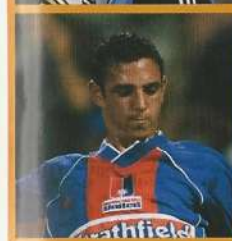
##### PAPASAVAS MEDAL

Massimo Muroccca (South Melbourne)  
Jade North (Olympic Sharks)  
Joe Schirripa (Newcastle United)



#### GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR

Clint Bolton (Olympic Sharks)  
Jason Petkovic (Perth Glory)  
Michael Petkovic (South Melbourne)



#### TOP GOALSCORER

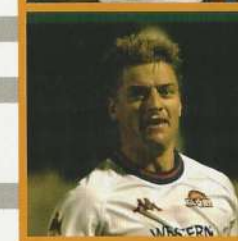
Damian Mori (Perth Glory)

#### REFEREE OF THE YEAR

Eddie Lennie (WA)  
Simon Micallef (NSW)  
Mark Shield (Qld)

#### FAIR PLAY AWARD

Brisbane Strikers



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NSL AWARDS



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## NSL SEASON TABLE

|                     | Total |    |    |    |    |    | Pts | Home |   |   |    |    | Away |   |   |    |    |
|---------------------|-------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|------|---|---|----|----|------|---|---|----|----|
|                     | P     | W  | D  | L  | F  | A  |     | W    | D | L | F  | A  | W    | D | L | F  | A  |
| Perth Glory         | 24    | 16 | 7  | 1  | 52 | 23 | 55  | 9    | 3 | 0 | 25 | 9  | 7    | 4 | 1 | 27 | 14 |
| Newcastle United    | 24    | 10 | 12 | 2  | 33 | 21 | 42  | 7    | 5 | 0 | 17 | 6  | 3    | 7 | 2 | 16 | 15 |
| Olympic Sharks      | 24    | 12 | 4  | 8  | 37 | 24 | 40  | 7    | 4 | 1 | 21 | 10 | 5    | 0 | 7 | 16 | 14 |
| Brisbane Strikers   | 24    | 10 | 7  | 7  | 40 | 33 | 37  | 6    | 3 | 3 | 21 | 14 | 4    | 4 | 4 | 19 | 19 |
| South Melbourne     | 24    | 10 | 6  | 8  | 30 | 22 | 36  | 6    | 1 | 5 | 17 | 14 | 4    | 5 | 3 | 13 | 8  |
| Melbourne Knights   | 24    | 11 | 3  | 10 | 41 | 40 | 36  | 4    | 3 | 5 | 18 | 20 | 7    | 0 | 5 | 23 | 20 |
| Parramatta Power    | 24    | 10 | 4  | 10 | 34 | 30 | 34  | 7    | 1 | 4 | 19 | 13 | 3    | 3 | 6 | 15 | 17 |
| Northern Spirit     | 24    | 9  | 7  | 8  | 36 | 39 | 34  | 6    | 2 | 4 | 19 | 19 | 3    | 5 | 4 | 17 | 20 |
| Marconi Stallions   | 24    | 8  | 6  | 10 | 32 | 36 | 30  | 6    | 3 | 3 | 21 | 17 | 2    | 3 | 7 | 11 | 19 |
| Wollongong Wolves   | 24    | 6  | 7  | 11 | 28 | 43 | 25  | 4    | 3 | 5 | 13 | 18 | 2    | 4 | 6 | 15 | 25 |
| Sydney United       | 24    | 6  | 6  | 12 | 27 | 37 | 24  | 1    | 5 | 6 | 13 | 22 | 5    | 1 | 6 | 14 | 15 |
| Adelaide City Force | 24    | 4  | 8  | 12 | 27 | 39 | 20  | 3    | 5 | 4 | 18 | 19 | 1    | 3 | 8 | 9  | 20 |
| Kingz FC            | 24    | 3  | 5  | 16 | 28 | 58 | 14  | 2    | 3 | 7 | 13 | 29 | 1    | 2 | 9 | 15 | 29 |

\* All points deducted due to breach of NSL regulations

## NSL SEASON RESULTS

|                     | ACF | BS  | KFC | MS  | MK  | NU  | NS  | OS  | PP  | PG  | SM  | SU  | W   |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Adelaide City Force | 1-1 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 3-2 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 0-3 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-3 | 1-2 | 3-0 |     |
| Brisbane Strikers   | 3-0 |     | 2-1 | 2-0 | 3-5 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 4-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 1-1 |
| Kingz FC            | 1-2 | 1-2 |     | 1-0 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 2-1 | 1-7 | 2-7 | 0-0 | 0-3 | 0-0 |
| Marconi Stallions   | 2-1 | 3-2 | 5-3 |     | 1-3 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 2-2 | 1-1 |
| Melbourne Knights   | 1-1 | 0-2 | 2-1 | 1-3 |     | 2-1 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 2-3 | 2-1 | 4-2 |
| Newcastle United    | 2-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 3-1 | 1-0 |     | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 3-1 |
| Northern Spirit     | 1-0 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 3-5 | 1-1 |     | 0-3 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 5-2 |
| Olympic Sharks      | 1-0 | 1-0 | 5-2 | 2-2 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 3-0 |     | 2-2 | 3-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 2-1 |
| Parramatta Power    | 1-0 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 1-0 | 3-0 | 2-0 | 1-3 | 1-0 |     | 2-4 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 3-1 |
| Perth Glory         | 4-1 | 4-2 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 2-2 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 2-1 |     | 0-0 | 2-1 | 1-1 |
| South Melbourne     | 2-1 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 3-0 | 2-0 | 1-3 |     | 0-1 | 1-3 |
| Sydney United       | 1-1 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-4 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 2-2 |     | 1-2 |
| Wollongong Wolves   | 1-1 | 3-1 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 0-2 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-4 | 1-0 |     |

## LEADING GOAL SCORERS

|                                              |    |
|----------------------------------------------|----|
| <b>Damian Mori</b><br>(Perth Glory)          | 17 |
| <b>Ante Milicic</b><br>(Sydney Utd/Olympic)  | 15 |
| <b>Pablo Cardozo</b><br>(Northern Spirit)    | 14 |
| <b>Paul Foster</b><br>(Brisbane Strikers)    | 13 |
| <b>Bobby Despotovski</b><br>(Perth Glory)    | 12 |
| <b>Royce Brownlie</b><br>(Marconi Stallions) | 11 |
| <b>Toto Da Costa</b><br>(Melbourne Knights)  | 11 |
| <b>Joel Porter</b><br>(Melbourne Knights)    | 11 |

## NSL SEASON PROGRESSIVE TABLE POSITIONS

| Round :           | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Adelaide City     | 6  | 7  | 10 | 10 | 10 | 9  | 9  | 9  | 9  | 11 | 11 | 9  | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Brisbane Strikers | 3  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 2  | 3  | 2  | 4  | 4  | 3  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  |
| Kingz FC          | 9  | 8  | 11 | 13 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| Marconi Stallions | 6  | 12 | 5  | 6  | 8  | 5  | 6  | 8  | 8  | 6  | 4  | 7  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 7  | 8  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 9  | 9  | 9  | 9  | 9  | 9  |
| Melbourne Knights | 10 | 8  | 7  | 9  | 6  | 8  | 8  | 7  | 7  | 9  | 8  | 5  | 7  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 6  | 7  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 6  |
| Newcastle United  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 3  | 2  | 3  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  |
| Northern Spirit   | 1  | 3  | 3  | 7  | 7  | 4  | 4  | 5  | 4  | 4  | 5  | 8  | 8  | 8  | 6  | 5  | 7  | 6  | 7  | 6  | 6  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 8  | 8  |
| Olympic Sharks    | 4  | 5  | 8  | 5  | 5  | 7  | 5  | 4  | 5  | 5  | 7  | 4  | 6  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 3  | 3  | 4  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  |
| Parramatta Power  | 12 | 6  | 6  | 4  | 4  | 6  | 7  | 6  | 6  | 7  | 5  | 6  | 4  | 7  | 8  | 6  | 5  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 7  | 8  | 8  | 6  | 7  | 7  |
| Perth Glory       | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| South Melbourne   | 12 | 10 | 12 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 8  | 8  | 7  | 6  | 7  | 6  | 5  | 5  |
| Sydney United     | 10 | 13 | 9  | 8  | 9  | 11 | 13 | 13 | 11 | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Wollongong Wolves | 6  | 10 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 9  | 9  | 9  | 9  | 9  | 9  | 11 | 9  | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |

## NSL INDIVIDUAL ROLL OF HONOUR

| Season  | Player of the year               | U/21 player of the year       | Top goalscorer award             | Coach of the year             |
|---------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1977    | Jim Rooney (Marconi)             | John Kosmina (Adel.Sharks)    | John Deans (Adel. City) 16       | Rale Rasic (Marconi)          |
| 1978    | Ken Boden (Newc. KB Utd)         | Ian Souness (Syd. City)       | Ken Boden (Newc. KB Utd)         | Gerry Chaldi (Syd. City)      |
|         |                                  |                               | Clive Eaton (Western Subs) 14    |                               |
| 1979    | Ivo Prskalo (Marconi)            | Eddie Krncevic (Marconi)      | Mark Jankovic (Marconi) 18       | Les Scheinflug (Marconi)      |
| 1980    | Jim Hermiston (Bris. Lions)      | John Spanos (Syd. City)       | Gary Cole (Heidelberg) 21        | John Margaritis (Sth Melb)    |
| 1981    | Bobby Russell (Adel. City)       | David Mitchell (Adel. City)   | Gary Cole (Heidelberg) 16        | Eddie Thomson (Syd. City)     |
| 1982    | Peter Katholos (Olympic)         | David Lowe (Newc. KB Utd)     | John Kosmina (Syd. City) 23      | Frank Arok (St George)        |
| 1983    | Joe Watson (Syd. City)           | Oscar Crino (Sth Melb)        | Doug Brown (Sth Melb.) 16        | Frank Arok (St George)        |
| 1984    | Sergio Mella (Adel. City)        | Tony Franken (Canb. City)     | Doug Brown (Sth Melb.) 20        | Eddie Thomson (Syd. City)     |
| 1985    | Graham Honeyman (Adel.Sharks)    | Alan Hunter (Bris. Lions)     | Charlie Egan (Sth Melb.) 18      | Eddie Thomson (Syd. City)     |
| 1986    | Bobby Russell (Sth Melb.)        | Ernie Tapai (Footscray)       | Graham Arnold (Syd. Utd) 16      | Drago Sekularic (Footscray)   |
|         | Graham Arnold (Syd. Utd)         |                               |                                  |                               |
| 1987    | Andrew Zinni (Brunswick)         | John Markovski (Sunshine)     | Frank Farina (Marconi) 16        | Rale Rasic (Leichhardt)       |
|         | Frank Farina (Marconi)           |                               |                                  |                               |
| 1988    | Paul Wade (Sth Melb.)            | Paul Trimboli (Sth Melb.)     | Frank Farina (Marconi) 16        | Brian Garvey (Sth Melb.)      |
|         | Frank Farina (Marconi)           |                               |                                  |                               |
| 1989    | Zlatko Nastevski (Marconi)       | Paul Trimboli (Sth Melb.)     | Zlatko Nastevski (Marconi) 20    | Bertie Mariani (Marconi)      |
| 1989/90 | Mark Viduka (Melb.Knights)       | Paul Okon (Marconi)           | David Seal (Syd. Utd) 15         | Bertie Mariani (Marconi)      |
| 1990/91 | Milan Ivanovic (Adel. City)      | Paul Okon (Marconi)           | David Seal (Marconi) 19          | Zoran Matic (Adel. City)      |
| 1991/92 | Josip Biskic (Melb.Knights)      | Kavin Muscat (Heidelberg)     | Tim Bredbury (Olympic)           | David Ratcliffe (Woll.Wolves) |
|         |                                  |                               | Kim Taliadoros (Sth Melb.) 15    |                               |
| 1992/93 | Paul Trimboli (Sth Melb.)        | Steve Corica (Marconi)        | Francis Awaritefe (Sth Melb.) 18 | Jim Pyrgolios (Sth Melb.)     |
| 1993/94 | Mark Viduka (Melb.Knights)       | Mark Viduka (Melb.Knights)    | Mark Viduka (Melb.Knights) 16    | Mirko Bazic (Melb.Knights)    |
| 1994/95 | Mark Viduka (Melb.Knights)       | Mark Viduka (Melb.Knights)    | Mark Viduka (Melb.Knights) 18    | Mirko Bazic (Melb.Knights)    |
| 1995/96 | Damian Mori (Adel. City)         | Jim Tsekis (Adel.Sharks)      | Damian Mori (Adel. City) 31      | John Perin (Adel. City)       |
| 1996/97 | Kresimir Marusic (Syd. Utd)      | Kasey Wehrman (Bris.Strikers) | David Zdrilic (Syd. Utd) 21      | Branko Culina (Syd. Utd)      |
| 1997/98 | Paul Trimboli (Sth Melb.)        | Brett Emerton (Olympic)       | Damian Mori (Adel. City) 19      | Angie Postecoglou (Sth Melb.) |
| 1998/99 | Brad Maloney (Marconi)           | Mile Sterjovski (Syd. Utd)    | Pablo Cardozo (Olympic) 18       | David Mitchell (Syd. Utd)     |
| 1999/00 | Scott Chipperfield (Woll.Wolves) | Ivan Ergic (Perth Glory)      | Damian Mori (Adel. City) 22      | Bernd Stange (Perth Glory)    |
| 2000/01 | Scott Chipperfield (Woll.Wolves) | Ben Burgess (Nthn Spirit)     | Damian Mori (Adel. City) 19      | Mike Petersen (Sth Melb)      |

## MOST NSL GAMES PLAYED

| Player          | Seasons    | Games |
|-----------------|------------|-------|
| Alex Tobin      | 1984-01/02 | 484   |
| Sergio Mella    | 1977-94/95 | 445   |
| Paul Trimboli   | 1987-01/02 | 422   |
| Mike O'Shea     | 1977-95/96 | 406   |
| Robert Hooker   | 1986-01/02 | 394   |
| Theo Selemdis   | 1977-93/94 | 393   |
| Gary Phillips   | 1982-96/97 | 377   |
| John Markovski  | 1986-01/02 | 372   |
| David Barrett   | 1986-01/02 | 370   |
| Andrew Marth    | 1986-01/02 | 364   |
| Danny Wright    | 1980-96/97 | 353   |
| Graham Jennings | 1979-93/94 | 351   |
| Damian Mori     | 1989-01/02 | 353   |
| Rob Brown       | 1983-97/98 | 346   |
| Bob Catlin      | 1984-01/02 | 345   |
| David Lowe      | 1982-96/97 | 345   |

## MOST NSL GOALS SCORED

| Player            | Seasons     | Goals |
|-------------------|-------------|-------|
| Damian Mori       | 1989-01/02  | 185   |
| Rob Brown         | 1983-97/98  | 137   |
| John Kosmina      | 1977-1989   | 133   |
| Francis Awaritefe | 1989-00/01  | 124   |
| Marshall Soper    | 1981-94/95  | 121   |
| Ivan Kelic        | 1989-99/00  | 116   |
| Paul Trimboli     | 1987-01/02  | 114   |
| Pablo Cardozo     | 92/93-01/02 | 110   |
| John Markovski    | 1986-01/02  | 110   |
| Gary Cole         | 1977-1986   | 109   |
| Warren Spink      | 1985-96/97  | 104   |
| Frank Farina      | 1983-97/98  | 102   |
| Andrew Harper     | 1989-00/01  | 101   |
| Con Boutsianis    | 1989-01/02  | 101   |
| Mark Jankovic     | 1977-1986   | 99    |



## RECORD FINALS MARGINS

### Elimination Final - 4 goals

Adelaide City 4 Wollongong Wolves 0 (192/93 series)  
South Melbourne 5 Eastern Pride 1 (94/95)

### Major Semi-Final - 7 goals

Marconi Stallions 7 South Melbourne 0 (92/93)

### Minor Semi-Final - 4 goals

Adelaide City 4 Marconi Stallions 0 (96/97)

### Preliminary Final - 3 goals

Olympic Sharks 3 Leichhardt 0 (1984 - northern division)  
Marconi Stallions 4 Adelaide City 1 (95/96)

### Grand Final - 2 goals

South Melbourne 4 Heidelberg 2 (1984 - southern division)  
Sydney City 2 Marconi Stallions 0 (1985 - northern division)  
Adelaide City 3 Sydney Olympic 1 (1986 - national grand final)  
Olympic Sharks 2 Marconi Stallions 0 (89/90)  
Melbourne Knights 2 Adelaide City 0 (94/95)  
Brisbane Strikers 2 Sydney United 0 (96/97)

## RECORD FINALS CROWD

### Elimination Final

31,710 Perth Glory v Melbourne Knights (00/01 series)

### Major Semi-Final

42,764 Perth Glory v Wollongong Wolves (99/00)

### Minor Semi-Final

27,556 Perth Glory v Marconi Stallions (98/99)

### Preliminary Final

17,708 Newcastle United v Olympic Sharks (01/02)

### Grand Final

43,242 Perth Glory v Wollongong Wolves (99/00)

### Highest aggregate crowd for a finals series

130,850 (9 matches) 98/99 series

### Lowest aggregate crowd for a finals series

43,800 (6 matches) 1988 series

## NSL CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS UP

| Season  | Champion            | Runner up           | Premier                       |
|---------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1977    | Sydney City         | Marconi Stallions   | Sydney City                   |
| 1978    | Adelaide Sharks     | Sydney City         | Adelaide Sharks               |
| 1979    | Marconi Stallions   | Heidelberg          | Marconi Stallions             |
| 1980    | Sydney City         | Heidelberg          | Sydney City                   |
| 1981    | Sydney City         | South Melbourne     | Sydney City                   |
| 1982    | Sydney City         | St George           | Sydney City                   |
| 1983    | St George           | Sydney City         | St George                     |
| 1984*   | South Melbourne     | Olympic Sharks      | Sydney City / South Melbourne |
| 1985*   | Brunswick           | Sydney City         | Sydney City / South Melbourne |
| 1986*   | Adelaide City Force | Olympic Sharks      | Sydney United / Brunswick     |
| 1987    | Leichhardt          | Preston             | Leichhardt                    |
| 1988    | Marconi Stallions   | Sydney United       | Wollongong Wolves             |
| 1989    | Marconi Stallions   | Olympic Sharks      | Marconi Stallions             |
| 1989/90 | Olympic Sharks      | Marconi Stallions   | Marconi Stallions             |
| 1990/91 | South Melbourne     | Melbourne Knights   | Melbourne Knights             |
| 1991/92 | Adelaide City Force | Melbourne Knights   | Melbourne Knights             |
| 1992/93 | Marconi Stallions   | Adelaide City Force | South Melbourne               |
| 1993/94 | Adelaide City Force | Melbourne Knights   | Melbourne Knights             |
| 1994/95 | Melbourne Knights   | Adelaide City Force | Melbourne Knights             |
| 1995/96 | Melbourne Knights   | Marconi Stallions   | Marconi Stallions             |
| 1996/97 | Brisbane Strikers   | Sydney United       | Sydney United                 |
| 1997/98 | South Melbourne     | Carlton             | South Melbourne               |
| 1998/99 | South Melbourne     | Sydney United       | Sydney United                 |
| 1999/00 | Wollongong Wolves   | Perth Glory         | Perth Glory                   |
| 2000/01 | Wollongong Wolves   | South Melbourne     | South Melbourne               |

Finals used to determine champions and runners up from 1984 to 1986 and from 1988 onwards

\*Two conferences from 1984 to 1986

## ALL TIME NSL LADDERS (01/02 season teams only)

| Regular season matches only | P   | W   | D   | L   | F    | A   | Pts* |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| South Melbourne             | 696 | 335 | 167 | 194 | 1112 | 801 | 837  |
| Adelaide City Force         | 695 | 284 | 185 | 226 | 1022 | 822 | 753  |
| Marconi Stallions           | 695 | 323 | 164 | 208 | 1176 | 862 | 810  |
| Olympic Sharks              | 670 | 274 | 177 | 219 | 975  | 835 | 725  |
| Wollongong Wolves           | 568 | 191 | 150 | 227 | 789  | 860 | 532  |
| Sydney United               | 502 | 216 | 126 | 160 | 699  | 632 | 558  |
| Melbourne Knights           | 501 | 227 | 110 | 164 | 783  | 643 | 564  |
| Brisbane Strikers           | 301 | 110 | 69  | 122 | 430  | 447 | 289  |
| Perth Glory                 | 166 | 88  | 37  | 41  | 324  | 216 | 213  |
| Northern Spirit             | 115 | 40  | 23  | 52  | 147  | 183 | 103  |
| Football Kingz              | 87  | 28  | 18  | 41  | 131  | 169 | 74   |
| Paramatta Power             | 86  | 35  | 12  | 39  | 122  | 121 | 82   |
| Newcastle United            | 52  | 15  | 21  | 16  | 64   | 77  | 51   |

\* all points based on 3 points for a win / 1 for a draw

| Finals matches only | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  |
|---------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| South Melbourne     | 44 | 19 | 6 | 17 | 69 | 61 |
| Marconi Stallions   | 41 | 17 | 7 | 17 | 59 | 55 |
| Olympic Sharks      | 40 | 23 | 3 | 14 | 63 | 50 |
| Adelaide City Force | 39 | 21 | 3 | 15 | 53 | 43 |
| Melbourne Knights   | 30 | 8  | 9 | 13 | 34 | 45 |
| Sydney United       | 26 | 9  | 4 | 13 | 25 | 33 |
| Wollongong Wolves   | 16 | 7  | 3 | 6  | 22 | 22 |
| Perth Glory         | 11 | 4  | 4 | 3  | 15 | 12 |
| Brisbane Strikers   | 7  | 2  | 0 | 4  | 6  | 10 |
| Newcastle United    | 3  | 1  | 0 | 2  | 3  | 5  |
| Northern Spirit     | 2  | 0  | 1 | 1  | 1  | 2  |

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